

# Asbestos



## **What is asbestos?**

Asbestos is the name given to a number of naturally occurring, fibrous silicate minerals mined for their useful properties such as thermal insulation, chemical and thermal stability, and high tensile strength. In the past, it was commonly used as insulation, siding and roofing materials.

## **Why is Asbestos a concern?**

Asbestos consists of small fibers that once airborne can be inhaled and can cause lung problems.

## **How do I dispose of Asbestos?**

Asbestos may be disposed of at the landfill for a fee.

## **What type of containers should the asbestos be in?**

It should be in doubled plastic bags and wet.

## **Why should Asbestos be wet?**

The water helps to reduce the amount of fibers that become airborne during the removal process.

**You must call and make an appointment at the landfill in order to dispose of asbestos.**

**Appointments can be made by calling 563-557-8220.**

**For more information on asbestos disposal, contact the DMASWA Regional Collection Center at 563-589-1720 or the DMASWA Education Office at 563-588-7933.**