

How to dispose of hazardous household waste....



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There are many different types of hazardous waste. The type and quantity determines how it can be recycled or disposed of. There are three ways for Northumberland residents to dispose of hazardous household waste:

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Option 1: Household Waste Recovery Centre? (HWRC)

Your local Household Waste Recovery Centres accept specific types of hazardous household waste. Please keep your hazardous waste separate from other waste items to enable you to easily deposit this waste into the correct container. Some vehicles may need a permit in advance, contact us for advice.



Engine oil



Gas bottles



TV's & monitors



Fluorescent light tubes



Battery banks
(Automotive and household)



Fridges & freezers



Used engine oil, car batteries and household batteries are delivered to specialist processors to be recycled, whilst gas bottles are reused. Fridges and freezers are sent to a specialist processing facility where the chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are removed and the remaining plastic and metal recycled.

Empty / partially empty water-based paint tins can be double wrapped and disposed of in your rubbish bin or in the general waste skip at the HWRC. Full paint tins can be donated to a local reuse network (e.g www.freecycle.org). If you have full or partially empty oil based paint tins then see option 3 below.

A container is provided at Morpeth HWRC to store and collect full paint for reuse in the local community projects.

Paint tins can be taken to your local HWRC for disposal in the general waste skips, but please double wrap them.

Fluorescent tubes and energy efficient bulbs contain mercury and must not be broken, whilst televisions and computer monitors contain heavy metals in the glass of the cathode ray tubes. Containers for fluorescent tubes and TVs are provided at all sites to ensure they are delivered to specialist recycling facilities.

Option 2. Return the waste to the retailer / chemist / healthcare provider

Many households accumulate medicines and pharmaceuticals that have passed their 'use by date' or are no longer required. All unwanted medicine and pharmaceutical products should be returned to the retailer, chemist or healthcare provider for safe disposal.

Option 3: Hazardous household waste collection service

Household Waste Recovery Centres cannot accept waste such as asbestos and certain types of household and garden chemicals. A free collection service operates every month to ensure asbestos and hazardous chemicals can be safely disposed of.

The following waste types cannot be collected by the hazardous waste collection service.

- Explosives
- Nerve gases
- Radioactive waste
- Clinical waste
- Flammable film-stock (cellulose acetate)



Our collection service for householders for disposal of asbestos, and certain garden & household chemicals operates on a monthly basis. Collection dates are available on the website as below. There is a limit of how much of these materials we will collect from any one property and once these limits are reached there will be no further free collections from this property in the property lifetime.

- The maximum weight of asbestos allowed for collection is 360kg. This is approximately equivalent to a single garage roof or 12 sheets at 6ft x 3ft.
- The maximum weight of chemicals for collection is 90kg.

If you believe you have hazardous household waste suitable for collection, please follow advice on pages 5 & 6 and then contact Northumberland County Council as below.

Contact options to arrange a hazardous waste collection are:

- Phone: 0345 600 6400
- Complete the 'Report It' On-line form for hazardous waste at www.northumberland.gov.uk
- Visit your County Council Information Point

Chemicals?

In recent years a number of garden pesticides have been withdrawn from shops and can no longer be used in the garden, whilst additional products are scheduled to be withdrawn. Many of those affected products will contain one of the following substances, but this list is constantly being



added to: Atrazine, Dichlorprop, Dikegulac, Lindane, Paraquate, Permethrin, Resmethring, Simazine, 2,3,6-TBA, Tar, Acides, Triforine, Tar oils. Advice for gardeners is available at www.rhs.org.uk by searching on Withdrawn chemicals, or you can contact Northumberland County Council for further advice. Advice on wrapping for collection is available on NCC website.

How do I dispose of asbestos from my house?

Please read the advice on page 6 before sealing sheets in a heavy duty plastic or in plastic sacks the strength of a fertilizer sack.

Avoid, where possible, breaking the sheets, but wrap any broken sheets in the same way. Make sure that the packages are not too heavy for one person to lift (approx 25 Kg). Seal the parcels with duct tape and label as asbestos.



Further Asbestos Information

What is asbestos? - General information

Asbestos is a natural mineral made up of many small fibres. There are three main types, blue, brown and white. Asbestos was extensively used as a building material in the UK from the 1930s through to the mid-1980s. It was used for a variety of purposes and was ideal for fireproofing and insulation. Any building built before 2000 can contain asbestos. Asbestos materials in good condition are safe unless asbestos fibres become airborne, which happens when materials are damaged. Asbestos related diseases won't affect immediately but later on in life, so there is a need for you to protect yourself now to prevent you contracting an asbestos-related disease in the future.



How should I go about removing the asbestos?

The council provides a free collection service to households but weight limits per property do apply, and this limit is for the life of the property. Residents must decide whether to engage the services of specialist asbestos contractors or to dismantle the waste themselves. Should you decide to undertake the work yourself it must be clear that you do so at your own risk, and have regard to the following:

- Gain permission from your landlord (where appropriate).
- Wear appropriate PPE i.e. disposable overalls, a face/dust mask (FFP3 type) and disposable gloves/shoe covers. These items should be double bagged and left for collection by our contractors – do not reuse them.
- Always take overalls off before your face mask and seal them in a separate bag to go away with your asbestos.
- Keep the work area damp. This helps suppress potentially harmful fibres. Do not use any power tools when removing asbestos.
- Double wrap sheets of asbestos in heavy gauge polythene (from DIY shops).
- Avoid breaking up your asbestos.
- Make sure that the packages are not too heavy for one person to lift (approx 25 Kg).
- Seal up your packages with duct tape.
- Double bag any smaller pieces.
- Old damp rags can be used to clean up areas afterwards (these can also go into the bag for proper disposal).
- Don't smoke, eat or drink in the work area.
- Minimise breaking up asbestos by removing any bolts carefully.
- Please read advice about asbestos handling and disposal on our website www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste. Additional advice is also available on the Health and Safety Executive webpages.

If you have excess to our limits, these are some of the companies who may give you a quote for taking it away (others are available in the Yellow Pages).

CSG

Boundary Rd West, Wilton International
Middlesbrough
Cleveland, TS6 8JH
Telephone: 0800 011 6600
Email: Wilton@csgeo.uk



or

Environmental Resources Group Tel: 0844 692 0000

Vega Environmental Consultants Tel: 0191 298 0198

The Asbestos Removal Contractors Association (ARCA) represents licensed asbestos removal contractors.



Specialist local asbestos contractors, and ARCA members, who can quote for dismantling / wrapping / removing asbestos containing materials are:

- **Thompsons of Prudhoe Limited** - 01661 832422
Email: info@thompsonsofprudhoe.com
- **Wood Group Industrial Services Ltd** - 0191 4932600
Email: Central@woodgroup.com
- **G O'Brien & Sons Ltd** - 0191 5374332
Email: info@g-obrien.co.uk
- **Chirmarn Ltd** - 0191 4148000
Email: info@chirmarn.co.uk
- **Henderson Environmental Services Limited** - 0191 488 5195
Email: ian@hendersonenvironmental.co.uk
- **Asbestech Limited** - 0845 6806974
Email: pneville@asbestech.com
- **Shield Environmental Services Ltd** - 0191 4892931
Email: enquiries@shieldenvironmental.co.uk
- **Rhodar Limited** - 0800 834 669
Email: info@rhodar.co.uk
- **Kaefer Ltd** - 01623 781 200
Email: info@kaefercd.co.uk
- **Tolent Solutions** - 0333 101 3111
Email: asbestosremoval@tolentsolutions.co.uk

Household waste recovery sites

Berwick-upon Tweed, North Road Industrial Estate, TD15 1UN <i>7 day opening</i>	North Sunderland, Near Seahouses, NE68 7UP <i>Open Friday to Monday inclusive</i>	Wooler, Brewery Lane, NE71 6QG <i>Open Friday to Monday inclusive</i>	Alnwick, Lionheard Enterprise Park, NE66 2HT <i>7 day opening</i>
North Seaton Industrial Estate, Ashington, NE63 0YB <i>7 day opening</i>	Morpeth, Whorral Bank, NE61 3AB <i>7 day opening</i>	Bebside, Hathery Lane, NE24 4HN <i>7 day opening</i>	Ponteland, Kirkley West Thorn, NE20 0DH <i>Open Friday to Monday inclusive</i>
Prudhoe, Broomhouse Road, NE42 5ED <i>7 day opening</i>	Hexham, French Garden Industrial Estate, NE46 4DL <i>7 day opening</i>	Haltwhistle, Town Foot, NE49 0ET <i>Open Friday to Monday inclusive</i>	Allendale, Shilburn Road, NE41 9LG <i>Open Friday to Monday inclusive</i>

Opening times

1 April to 31 October
8 am to 7.30 pm

1 November to 31 March
8 am to 6 pm.



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