



Typical items we accept:

- Asbestos insulating products - fire protection, thermal insulation, wall partitions, ducts, soffits, ceiling/wall panels
- Corrugated sheets /wall cladding/roofing/ceiling tiles
- Decorative plasters/paints
- Asbestos vehicle brake linings/shoes
- Asbestos cement

Asbestos is the generic name given to a commercially and legally defined group of six fibrous silicate minerals that have been widely used in commercial products. Asbestos is composed of silicate chains naturally bonded with magnesium, iron, calcium, aluminium, and sodium or trace elements to form long, thin, separable fibrils. These fibrils are arranged in parallel and a single microscopically-observed asbestos fibre can represent multiple fibrils that have not separated. Asbestos can be found in nearly half a million different consumer products, engineering and building materials that were made between the early 1920s and 1970s. Because of this it is not easy to recognise and can only be confirmed by laboratory testing.

Fireproofing, insulation and weather resistant properties meant asbestos was widely used as a building material in UK construction from the 1950s. However, exposure to asbestos fibres can cause fatal diseases with over 3000 deaths each year in the UK as a direct result of having inhaled asbestos containing material. Non-asbestos alternatives to asbestos cement were introduced to the UK market in 1984, but asbestos cement products continued to be supplied into the UK market until it was banned in 1999. Though banned in more than 50 countries, over 2million tonnes of white asbestos is traded around the world each year with the appropriate specialist.

Asbestos waste is defined as 'Hazardous Waste' when it contains more than 0.1% asbestos. Removing asbestos is particularly dangerous, as the fibres become harmful when disturbed and released into the atmosphere. The risk of releasing these dangerous fibres is particularly high without proper training, equipment and the implementation of appropriate safety precautions. This material should only be handled by certified asbestos removal specialists.

OUR ASBESTOS WASTE SOLUTION

We provide containment and logistics services to support and facilitate the removal of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) encountered in the construction/demolition sector. All asbestos waste needs to be segregated from other waste.

We can provide UN-approved packaging and asbestos code information to enable ACMs to be collected and packaged safely for removal. We also supply lockable, labelled skips which display appropriate hazard signage for storing asbestos waste on-site. The McGrath Group is a registered waste carrier (No: CBDU97939). Our MRF in Barking is licensed to accept fibrous and cement-based asbestos directly from our customers – an ideal solution for smaller quantities.

We safely deliver consignments of asbestos waste to licensed landfill sites in accordance with the Landfill Directive and Environmental Permit Regulations. Asbestos waste must be disposed of in a landfill that has a specific permit authorising it to accept asbestos.

At the landfill it is placed in a separate hazardous waste mono cell for Stable Non-Reactive Hazardous Wastes (SNRHW). We obtain and provide a waste consignment note to confirm its destination. The disposal process is carried out in full compliance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005.

Our digital data capture systems enable us to provide complete chain-of-custody reporting from collection to final destination. Electronic waste transfer consignment notes are issued for all materials we manage in compliance with your Duty of Care obligations.

The McGrath Group is accredited to various trade bodies and accreditations including PAS 402:2013. We also operate an integrated management system which is certified against international standards OHSAS 18001 (Health & Safety), ISO 9001 (Quality) and ISO 14001 (Environmental) this ensures our products and services are supplied safely, consistently and sustainably.



KEY FACTS

EWC Codes:

10 13 09
15 01 11
16 02 12
17 06 01
17 06 05
06 07 01
06 13 04
10 13 10
16 01 11

Relevant Regulations:

Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012
Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005
COSHH Regulations 2002

