

Media Release

Have you found asbestos at your house?

Any building constructed prior to 1990 may contain asbestos. Regulations require home owners who come across small amounts of asbestos to dispose of the material in a specific manner.

To make the disposal of small amounts of asbestos easy (15 to 20 litres), the Shire offers specific heavy duty bags to residents at a cost of \$5.00. When purchasing the bag from the Shire Administration Office residents are required to fill in a form which asks for contact details and the location and amount of asbestos. This information is a requirement of our Department of Water and Environmental Regulation licence. When bagging up the asbestos, please ensure that you use appropriate safety gear such as gloves and face masks. These can also be placed in the bag and sealed securely with a cable tie or heavy duty tape.

The Shire of Plantagenet accepts asbestos for disposal at the O'Neill Road Waste Management Facility. If the asbestos is contained within the disposal bag purchased from the Shire Administration Offices it can be taken to the WMF during opening hours. If larger amounts of asbestos need to be disposed of, then separate arrangements must be made with Shire staff by telephone (08) 9892 1111.

David Lynch, the Manager of Works and Services would like to remind residents that 'asbestos fibres are extremely dangerous so it is important that you wear the appropriate safety gear (face masks and gloves) and do not break up any large pieces to fit them into the bag. Importantly, when handling asbestos, do not break it, drill it, saw it, sand it or do anything that may release fibres into the air.'

For information on disposal or handling of asbestos or for professional services contact information visit the Shire of Plantagenet website at www.plantagenet.wa.gov.au or telephone the Administration Office on (08) 9892 1111.
