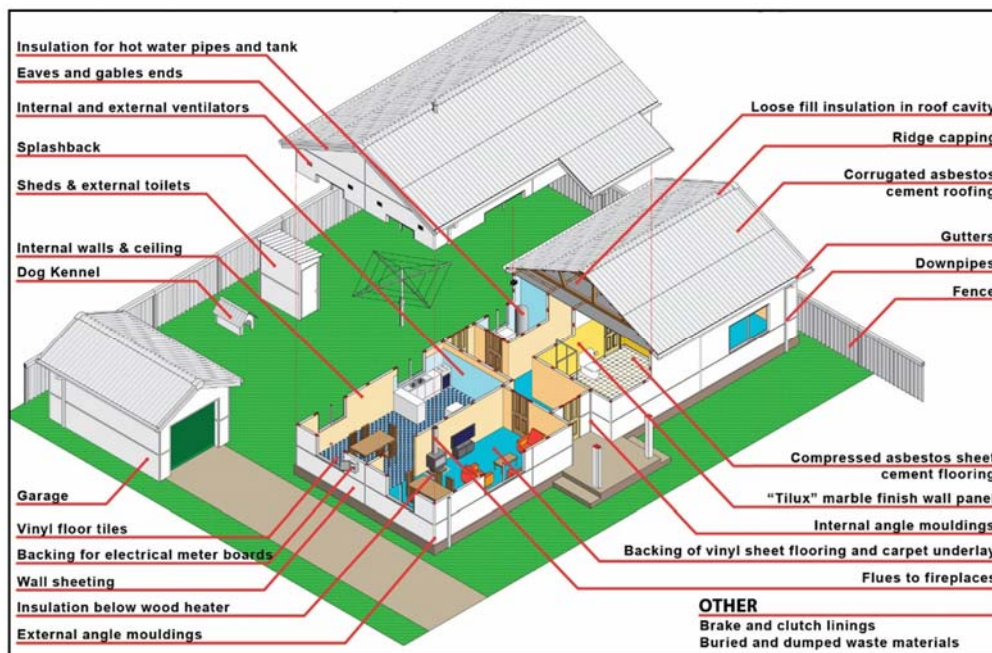


ASBESTOS IN THE HOME

FACT SHEET

Asbestos fibres were used widely in building materials before the mid-1980s. If your house was built or renovated before the mid-1980s, it is likely to contain asbestos cement building materials.

You may be surprised at the various types of products that were made from bonded asbestos cement included fibro sheeting (flat and corrugated), water drainage and flue pipes, roofing shingles and guttering – even the backing of vinyl sheet floor coverings.



MANAGING ASBESTOS SAFELY AROUND THE HOME

Most people can't tell whether building materials contain asbestos just by looking at them. Only scientific testing of a sample of material by an accredited National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) asbestos testing laboratory can confirm the presence of asbestos.

Unless you take the required safety precautions and follow regulations:

- Don't cut it! Don't drill it! Don't drop it! Don't sand it! Don't saw it!
- Don't scrape it! Don't scrub it! Don't dismantle it! Don't water blast it!
- Don't demolish it! And whatever you do... don't dump it!

Asbestos materials that are in good condition are unlikely to release asbestos fibres if left undisturbed. If asbestos materials are in good condition, paint them and leave them alone.

For more information phone Council's Environmental Health & Compliance department on 4732 8055.