

Used Gypsum Disposal Instructions

A special program has been created for residents to dispose of small quantities of used gypsum (also known as drywall, gyproc, wallboard or plasterboard) as it may contain or be contaminated with asbestos in the tape and mud. If you have concerns about potential for exposure to asbestos, Worksafe BC recommends you find a qualified reputable company to test for asbestos, and if asbestos is present, hire a qualified contractor to do the asbestos removal. More information is available at [worksafebc.com/asbestosbeaware](https://www.worksafebc.com/asbestosbeaware).

What

“Used Gypsum” is gypsum that has been previously installed and needs to be disposed. New gypsum that has never been installed can be recycled instead – see reverse side for details.

Disposal Limits

- Ten x 10 kg bags per visit
- 5 visits per year

Where to buy clear used gypsum program bags

Special heavy-duty gypsum disposal bags are required for this program, available at many local hardware stores. The clear bags with printed instructions shown in the photo **MUST** be used. No other bags will be accepted.

Call **604-681-5600** or go to [metrovancouver.org](https://www.metrovancouver.org) and search “used gypsum bag”



**DOUBLE BAGGED
WITH THIS BAG ONLY**



How to bag used gypsum

1. Wear protective equipment and minimize dust generated.
2. Carefully place in clear used gypsum program bags.
3. Do NOT overfill the bag – leave enough space to properly tie it.
4. Wipe clean the outside of the bag with a wet paper towel, dispose of paper towel in bag, tie bag goose-neck style (instructions on reverse), and seal with duct tape.
5. Place bag in a second used gypsum bag and repeat step #4.

How to tie a used gypsum program bag

Only used gypsum program bags tied goose-neck style following these instructions will be accepted for disposal.



1 Twist the unused top portion of the bag into a tail.



2 Seal the base of the tail with duct tape.



3 Take the leftover twisted tail section of the bag and bend it around to make a loop.

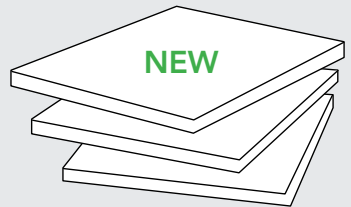


4 Attach it to the base of the tail using duct tape.

Residents may drop off used gypsum for disposal at Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centres or the Vancouver Landfill. Used gypsum is NOT accepted at the Vancouver South Transfer Station or any gypsum recycling facilities.

Recycle New Gypsum

New gypsum date-stamped 1990 or newer that has not been previously installed (no tape, paint or mud) can be recycled at any Metro Vancouver recycling and waste centre, the Vancouver Landfill, or the Vancouver Zero Waste Centre. **Do not put new gypsum in a bag.** Maximum 500kg new gypsum per load.



For more information:

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