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.

What
“Used Gypsum” is gypsum that has been previously installed.

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. Many local hardware stores stock the designated used gypsum bags.

Call 604-681-5600 or go to mvrecycles.org and search “used gypsum bag”

MUST BE DOUBLE-BAGGED*

Only use these clear used - gypsum bags for gypsum that has been previously installed. New gypsum date-stamped 1990 or newer that has never been installed can be recycled.

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 transfer stations or the Vancouver Landfill. Used gypsum is not accepted at the Vancouver South Transfer Station.

**Used gypsum in our clear used gypsum program bags is not accepted at gypsum recycling facilities. Call ahead to check what the recycling facility accepts.**

Recycle New Gypsum

If you have new gypsum date-stamped 1990 or newer that has not been previously installed (no tape, paint or mud), bring it to any Metro Vancouver transfer station or the Vancouver Landfill for recycling. **New gypsum meant for recycling cannot be placed in a used gypsum bag.** Maximum 500 kg new gypsum per load.

For more information:

Visit metrovancouver.org (search “used gypsum”) or call 604-681-5600