

Removal and Disposal of Mobile Homes

Because a single-wide mobile home can be moved relatively easily a solution some have sought is to tow the whole thing to the landfill for disposal as asbestos containing waste material to get rid of it. This would not be prohibited by Spokane Clean Air regulations necessarily, provided the mobile home remained intact. And we know that building materials can be assumed to contain asbestos provided they are disposed of accordingly. So this seems like a simple solution.



Many have found, however, that it is not as simple as airing up the tires and towing it to the dump. If a mobile home has any additions, attached porches, secondary roof structures, etc., the project must be handled like any other demolition project with those additions requiring an asbestos survey, Notice of Intent (NOI), and potentially asbestos abatement prior to their dismantling or demolition.

Even if a mobile home has no structural additions, the moving of it will most likely require an asbestos survey. There will likely be building materials impacted during preparation for the move such as removing; skirting, stairs, awnings, etc. Any such activities preemptive to the move are considered renovation and will require an asbestos survey and abatement if these components are found to contain asbestos.

With all that said, one major problem still remains: the landfill may not even accept a mobile home that is assumed to contain asbestos. Their internal policies or the requirements they must follow as an active landfill which accepts asbestos, may not allow it.

The bottom line - We recommend that any moving of a mobile home, even in its simplest form, for the purpose of disposal should be conducted by following the standard procedures for demolition of a structure:

1. Asbestos Survey performed by an AHERA Building Inspector
2. NOI for asbestos removal and/or demolition of additions
3. Complete abatement by a certified abatement contractor

After that, the mobile home can be towed to the landfill for disposal as non-asbestos containing waste/standard construction debris if desired.

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