



## **Asbestos policy for allotments**

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Asbestos was widely used by the construction industry before 1995. Products such as cement sheets, roof panels, ceiling tiles, ceiling coatings and PVC floor tiles may all contain asbestos. The presence of asbestos is not a health hazard. It is only a risk to health when asbestos fibres are released into the air and inhaled.

Every person has an obligation to ensure that asbestos is managed in line the below policy so not to endanger other person/s.

The Council will carryout Management Surveys annually to locate the presence and extent of materials containing asbestos. A record of these inspections will be kept at the Town Hall. A notice will also be displayed on allotment sites summarising the location of asbestos.

Should the Management Survey show that asbestos contained on the site requires to be removed, due to its condition, then this will be provided at the cost of the Council and no prior permission will be required from the plot holder, but every effort would be made to notify them.

If the plot holder wishes the remove an item containing asbestos from the allotment site, not deemed as a risk in the survey, then this must be done at the expense of the plot holder in line with the below policy. No asbestos may be disposed of on the rubbish pile at the allotments, any other plot holders plot or public access/ridings. Should this situation arise the plot holder will be asked to remove the material at their own expense and may result in the loss of tenancy for failing to observe the Allotment Tenancy Agreement.

### Emergency

In case of an accidental release of asbestos fibres the following actions must be carried out:

- The incident must be reported to Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council immediately.
- All work must cease and the potentially contaminated area must be sealed off.
- A specialist asbestos contractor to be called to site at the allotment holder's expense to rectify the issue, using approved contractors listed on the Arc website.

### Disposing of asbestos materials

The HSE provide a policy for good practise of disposing of asbestos waste, which can be found at [www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/essentials/index.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/essentials/index.htm)

This policy must be adhered to at all times when handling/disposing of asbestos waste, so as not to endanger other persons.