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Winnipeg Air Testing can test common home building materials for the presence of asbestos. Such household materials including the following:

- Boiler and pipe insulation
- Mastic under floor tiles and flooring
- Wall plaster
- Vermiculite in attic
- Floor tiles and sheet flooring
- Ceiling stipple / spackle
- Ceiling tiles
- Joint compounds

**Cost of Asbestos Analysis** (GST will be added to below prices).

Turnaround Time	Cost for First Sample	Cost for Additional Samples
5 Business Days	\$50	\$40
2 Business Days *	\$70	\$55
Next Day *	\$100	\$80

\* samples must be dropped off before 11 AM to be counted as received that day.

Example: 3 samples for 5 business days is \$50 for the first sample, \$40 for the second sample and \$40 for the third sample for a total of \$130 plus GST. A piece of plaster with two distinct layers would be 2 samples as each layer is analyzed and reported separately.

**Vermiculite (attic insulation)** must follow a different laboratory analysis using a TEM method. If this is for submission to workplace safety and health, a minimum of 3 samples are required:

Turnaround Time	Cost for First Sample	Cost for Additional Samples
8 Business Days	\$120	\$90
5 Business Days *	\$140	\$100
2 Business Days *	\$200	\$150

\* samples must be dropped off before 11 AM to be counted as received that day.

Instructions on collecting a sample are provided on the next page. Simply fill out the form below and mail or drop off the sample to Winnipeg Air Testing for analysis. If you are mailing in a sample, send in this page and your sample, along with a check made out to Winnipeg Air Testing Inc. If you are dropping off samples, payment can be made with cash, check, debit, or credit card.

**Fill out the Intake Chart and send this page in along with your sample(s)**

Name	
Number of Samples	
Telephone Number	
Email address <u>or</u> mailing address (indicates preferred means of receiving the results)	

**Disclaimer: Samples are sent off-site for analysis. At times delays occur in transit that are beyond the control of WAT (ex. weather). No refunds or reductions will be made on Next Day or 2 Day TATs in these circumstances.**

## Instructions for Collecting an Asbestos Sample from your Home

**Note:** You cannot be sure that a material contains asbestos by just looking at it with the naked eye. Therefore, treat all suspect material as if they contain asbestos.

- Do not disturb the material any more than is needed to take a small sample.
- Wet the material using a fine mist of water containing a few drops of detergent before taking the sample. The water/detergent mist will reduce the possibility of releasing asbestos fibres.
- Carefully cut/scrape a piece from the entire depth of the material using, for example, a small knife, an exactoknife, or other sharp object.
- Be sure to get a sample of the entire depth / thickness of the material. For attic insulation, collect a sample from the bottom as fine dust tends to settle over time.
- Results are based on the sample material collected. If a material is not homogeneous or has several layers, more than 1 sample should be submitted.

### Required Sample Size

Loose material – 1 tablespoon

Solid material – a piece the size of a postage stamp

- Place the small piece into a clean container (for example, a Ziploc bag). Tightly seal the container after the sample is in it.
- Label the container with
  - Your name
  - Your telephone number
  - A sample identifier (e.g., kitchen floor tile)
- mail or drop off the sample to Winnipeg Air Testing for analysis

Note: mastic on the back of floor tiles or flooring is considered a separate sample and is reported separately and billed as a second sample. Similarly, plaster samples with two different layers would be counted as two samples.

**Left:** collecting a sample of attic insulation.



**Right:** labelling the sample

