

# Hazardous Materials Specialist



## Overview

Hazardous Materials Specialists are involved in the cleanup of substances that may be harmful to people and the environment. Hazardous Materials Specialists may be involved in a broad range of situations from removing asbestos from a building to cleaning spills from accidents.



## Roles and Responsibilities

As a Hazardous Materials Specialist you are well trained in removing, packaging, transporting, and disposing of asbestos, radioactive and nuclear waste, arsenic, lead, mercury or other dangerous materials identified as hazardous substances. You are called upon during emergency situations when there is a chance that the environment could become contaminated. You may also investigate sites for compliance with federal and provincial laws.

**Skills:** Analyzing, Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, Collaborator, Communicator, Chemistry

**Personal Interests:** Government, Investigation, Regulation, Speaking, Writing, Reading, Environmental

**Work Environment:** Roaming, Office, Exposure to Harmful Substances

**Education and Experience:** University or College Degree in Natural Resources, Chemistry, Environmental Science or other various programs

**Salary:** \$15- \$30/hr