



Removal and Transport of Asbestos Containing Material Commercial

Customer information

This factsheet outlines requirements at the Lakes Creek Road Landfill concerning the disposal of asbestos containing materials to ensure the health and safety of the community and landfill operators and to comply with the law. Safe and legal disposal of asbestos is about protecting yourself, others and the environment.

All commercial transporters must follow the procedure outlined below.

What you need to know

- At least 48 hours notice is required before disposal of asbestos. Contact your local landfill to arrange an appointment time.
- All asbestos waste must be wetted and double bagged in polythene bags or double wrapped in polyethylene heavy duty plastic sheeting not less than 0.2mm in thickness. If placed in bags, fill only to halfway to prevent bag tearing and for easy handling.
- If wrapped in plastic, no more than three sheets should be placed in a bundle.
- All bags and packs must be sealed with adhesive tape or any other effective method that does not cause the release of material or dust.
- Bags and packs must be labelled as follows:
CAUTION – ASBESTOS
DO NOT DAMAGE OR OPEN BAG
DO NOT INHALE DUST
CANCER AND LUNG DISEASE HAZARD
- The bags or packs are to be loaded into a vehicle or skip bin for transport to landfill – at all times the integrity of the plastic seal must not be broken. If asbestos is stored in a skip prior to delivery to landfill it should be lockable to prevented unwanted access.
- On arrival at landfill the vehicle will be weighed and the relevant fees will be charged.

- The driver of the vehicle will be directed to a specific area and may be accompanied by a landfill officer. The driver will unload the vehicle making sure the integrity of the plastic wrapping or bag is not broken or compromised.
- The packages should be of a size that is manageable to be unloaded and placed on the ground. Any other method using larger packages will involve unloading machinery i.e. forklifts, are to be supplied by the transporters at their own expense.
- Bulk loads (as in the case of asbestos containing soils) may require wetting while unloading and the transporters must supply a water tanker at their expense.
- Where asbestos or Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) is not managed and transported lawfully the asbestos will be classed as a high hazard regulated waste and a waste levy will apply to the normal disposal fees.

Remember these important facts

- Do not place asbestos waste or bags in domestic bins or general builders skip bins;
- All contaminated material must be disposed of as asbestos waste; and
- All soils containing asbestos must be disposed of as asbestos waste.

IMPORTANT

All asbestos waste should be removed from the workplace by a competent person and transported and disposed of in accordance with all relevant State legislation and guidelines for the transport and disposal of asbestos waste.

In Queensland an approval is required from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) for transporting on a commercial basis any quantity of asbestos waste. For more information visit the DERM website at www.ehp.qld.gov.au.

For information about safety and legal requirements of asbestos refer to the Queensland Health website at www.health.qld.gov.au/asbestos/default.asp