



Removal and Transport of Asbestos Containing Material Domestic

What you need to know

Awareness of the dangers from the inhalation of asbestos fibres has become more evident and has led to the development of a series of safe removal and disposal techniques.

There are various types of asbestos and some can be safely removed provided the removal, storage, transport and disposal guidelines are met.

Thermal and acoustic asbestos (friable) require removal by a qualified licensed professional. Asbestos sheeting on the other hand can be removed by anyone as long as the quantity does not exceed 10m².

Safe and legal disposal of asbestos is about protecting yourself, others and the environment.

Before removing any asbestos read for the safety and legal requirements on the Queensland Health website at www.health.qld.gov.au/asbestos/default.asp

Preparing your asbestos for disposal

Guidelines that **must** be met when disposing asbestos include:

- To ensure fibres are contained, the asbestos waste must be sprayed with a sealant or wet with water prior to wrapping and labelling.
- All transportation of asbestos in excess of 250kg is to comply with the Australian Code for Transport of Dangerous Goods (ADG Code).

Wrapping your asbestos waste

- To limit the creation and disturbance of the hazardous fibres, it is critical not to break asbestos into small pieces.
- All asbestos sheets must be wrapped in polyethylene heavy duty plastic sheeting not less than 0.2mm in thickness.

- Wrapped bundles must be no larger than the maximum size of L: 2400mm X W: 900mm and capable of being manually lifted.
- Packaged waste must be labelled with an appropriate warning such as: '**CAUTION ASBESTOS**'.

Disposing of asbestos

- Contact your local landfill at Lakes Creek Road at least 48 hours to organise an appointment time to dispose of the asbestos.
- On arrival at the landfill, your load will be inspected (disposal fees will be charged) and you will be directed to your specifically prepared site for disposal under the supervision of an authorised officer of Council.

Step by step checklist

1. Will your load weigh less than 250kg?

Yes: Go to Q2.

No: Contact your local commercial contractor - refer to Yellow Pages.

2. Have you bagged or wrapped your asbestos according to the guidelines?

Yes: Go to Q3.

No: Read the "Preparing your asbestos for disposal" section.

3. Have you labelled your asbestos correctly?

Yes: You are now ready to make your appointment to take your load to the landfill for disposal. Go to Q4.

No: Read the "Wrapping your asbestos waste" section.

4. Have you given the Landfill 48 hours notice that you will be disposing asbestos?

Yes: You may proceed to the landfill at the appointed time to dispose of your asbestos.

No: You must contact the landfill to arrange an appointment.

For more information on asbestos visit the Queensland Health website at

www.health.qld.gov.au/asbestos/default.asp