

# Removal and Transport of Asbestos - Domestic

## What you need to know

Awareness of the health risks associated with inhaling asbestos fibres has significantly increased, leading to the development of strict guidelines for its safe removal, handling, and disposal.

There are various types of **asbestos containing material (ACM)**, and while some forms can be safely removed by non-professionals, this is only permitted when all relevant guidelines are followed. Specifically:

- **Friable asbestos**, such as thermal and acoustic insulation, must be removed by a licensed professional due to its high risk of becoming airborne.
- **Non-friable asbestos**, such as bonded ACM sheeting, may be removed by individuals without a licence, provided the total area does not exceed 10m<sup>2</sup>.

Safe and legal disposal of ACM is essential to protect yourself, others, and the environment. Before undertaking any removal, it is critical to review the safety and legal requirements outlined by the Queensland Government. You can access this information at: [www.asbestos.qld.gov.au](http://www.asbestos.qld.gov.au)

## Preparing ACM for safe disposal

To ensure the safe and compliant disposal of asbestos, the following guidelines must be followed:

- Asbestos waste must be thoroughly wetted with water or sprayed with a sealant before wrapping and labelling to prevent fibre release.
- Transport of asbestos in excess of 175kg must comply with the Australian Code for Transport of Dangerous Goods (ADG Code).

## Wrapping your ACM waste

- Avoid breaking ACM into smaller pieces to reduce the risk of releasing hazardous fibres.
- All asbestos sheets must be wrapped in heavy-duty polyethylene plastic sheeting with a minimum thickness of 0.2 mm
- Wrapped bundles must not exceed L 2400mm X W 900mm and must be manageable for manual lifting.
- Each package must be clearly labelled with an appropriate warning such as: **'CAUTION ASBESTOS'**.

## Disposing of ACM

- On arrival, report to the Weighbridge Gatehouse, where your load will be inspected and disposal fees charged. You will be directed to a designated disposal site.
- Any unlawfully disposed ACM will be charged as Category 2 Regulated waste and reported to the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation. Examples of unlawful disposal can include:

- ACM that is not properly wrapped.
- ACM that is not declared at the gatehouse.
- Loads exceeding 175 kg that are not transported by a licensed waste transporter or lack appropriate documentation.

### Disposing of bulk ACM - more than 175kg

- To dispose of more than 175 kg of asbestos, please contact Customer Service at least 48 hours in advance to schedule a disposal appointment.
- Transporters must supply an appropriate water suppression equipment at their own expense (Acceptable methods include a water pod on a utility vehicle or trailer, trailer-mounted water system, truck-mounted spray unit, or water truck.
- Council can arrange a water truck on request (subject to availability). Minimum 48 hours' notice and applicable charges apply.
- Disposal is not permitted without water suppression.

### Step by step checklist

#### 1. Will your load weigh less than 175kg?

- **Yes:** Go to Q2.
- **No:** You have two options:

**Option 1:** Complete an *Asbestos Disposal Booking Enquiry Form* and refer to the *Asbestos Disposal Booking Enquiry Fact Sheet*. Bookings require 48 hours' notice.

**Option 2:** Contact a local commercial contractor to manage the disposal on your behalf.

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

- **Yes:** Go to Q3.
- **No:** Read "Preparing your ACM for disposal" on page 1

#### 3. Have you labelled your ACM correctly?

- **Yes:**
  - If your load is under 175kg, you may proceed to Lakes Creek Road Waste Management Facility.
  - If your load is over 175kg, ensure you have made a booking and go to Q4.
- **No:** Read "Wrapping your asbestos waste" on page 1.

#### 4. Have you given Council 48 hours' notice for a load over 175kg?

**Yes:** You may proceed to Lakes Creek Road Waste Management Facility at your appointment time.

**No:** Contact Customer Service or fill out the [online form](#) to arrange a disposal booking.

### More information

- For more information on asbestos, visit the Queensland Government WorkSafe website at [www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/injury-prevention-safety/asbestos](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/injury-prevention-safety/asbestos)

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