



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 the disposal of more than 175kg of asbestos. Contact Lakes Creek Road Waste Management Facility to arrange an appointment time.
- All asbestos waste must be wetted and double bagged in polyethylene 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 prevent unwanted access.
- On arrival at landfill the vehicle will be weighed and the relevant fees will be charged.
- Any unlawfully disposed asbestos will be charged as Category 2 Regulated Waste and will be reported to the Department of Environment, Science & Innovation. Examples of unlawful disposal can include asbestos that is not wrapped appropriately, asbestos that is not declared, is being transported without a waste tracking certificate, or exceeds 175kg without an Environmental Authority.

- The driver of the vehicle will be directed to a specific area and may be accompanied by a Council officer. The driver will unload the vehicle making sure the integrity of the plastic wrapping or bag is not broken or compromised.
- The packages must be of a size that is manageable to be unloaded and placed on the ground manually (either by hand or with mechanical aid). Any other method using larger packages that will involve unloading machinery i.e. forklifts, are to be supplied by the transporters at their own expense. Tipping of asbestos loads will not be permitted, with the exception of bulk loads where wrapping the waste in small manageable loads is not possible.
- Bulk loads (e.g. asbestos containing soils or house fire waste) which require tipping will require wetting while unloading and the transporters must supply a water tanker at their expense. No tipping of asbestos waste is permitted without water suppression.

Remember these important facts

- Do not place asbestos waste or bags in domestic bins or general builder skipbins.
- All asbestos contaminated materials must be disposed of as asbestos waste.
- 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, Science & Innovation for transporting on a commercial basis any quantity of asbestos waste. For more information visit www.environment.des.qld.gov.au/management/waste/business.

For more information about safety and legal requirements of asbestos refer to Queensland Government's Asbestos website at www.asbestos.qld.gov.au or Worksafe website at www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/injury-prevention-safety/asbestos.