

Removal and Transport of Asbestos Containing Material (Commercial)

Customer information

This factsheet outlines requirements at the Yeppoon 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 200µm thick plastic. 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 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, 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.

Remember these important facts

- Do not place asbestos waste or bags in domestic bins or general builders skips.
- All contaminated material 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 and Heritage Protection (DEHP) for transporting on a commercial basis any quantity of asbestos waste. For more information visit the DEHP website at www.ehp.qld.gov.au

For more information on asbestos visit the Queensland Health website at www.health.qld.gov.au/asbestos/default.asp