

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 the safety and legal requirements on the Queensland Health website at: www.health.qld.gov.au/asbestos

Preparing your asbestos for disposal

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

- 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 sheeting at least 2 µm thick.
- 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 Yeppoon at least 48 hours ahead 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 "Preparing your asbestos for disposal"

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 "Wrapping your asbestos waste"

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