

Removal and Transport of Asbestos Containing Material (Commercial)

Customer information

This fact sheet 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

- **Notice Period** – At least 48 hours' notice is preferred before disposing of asbestos. Contact the Yeppoon Landfill to arrange a disposal time on **(07) 4939 1809**.
- **Disposal Times** – Monday to Sunday, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- **Preparation** – All asbestos waste must be adequately dampened and either double-bagged in polythene bags or double-wrapped in 200 µm thick plastic.
- **Sealing** – All bags and bundles must be sealed with adhesive tape or another effective method that prevents the release of dust or fibres.
- **Labelling** – Clearly label all bags and bundles with: **CAUTION — ASBESTOS**
- **Transport** – Load bags or bundles into a vehicle or skip for transport to landfill, ensuring the plastic seal remains intact at all times.
- **At the Landfill** – The vehicle will be weighed on arrival and relevant disposal fees will be charged.
- **Unloading** – The driver will be directed to a designated disposal area and may be accompanied by a landfill officer. The driver is responsible for unloading the vehicle, ensuring that the integrity of the plastic wrapping, or bags is not broken or compromised.

- **Package Size** – Packages must be of a manageable size to allow safe manual unloading and placement on the ground. Larger packages requiring mechanical assistance (e.g., forklifts) must be unloaded using equipment supplied by the transporter at their own expense.
- **Bulk Loads** – In cases involving bulk asbestos-containing material (such as contaminated soils), wetting may be required during unloading. Transporters must supply a water tanker at their own expense to meet this requirement.

IMPORTANT

All asbestos waste must 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 handling, transport, and disposal of asbestos waste.

In Queensland, an approval is required to commercially transport any quantity of asbestos waste. For more information, please visit the Queensland Government's asbestos disposal and transport page: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/environment/waste-management/waste-tracking>

For more information on asbestos visit the Queensland Government website <https://www.asbestos.qld.gov.au/>

Remember These Important Facts

- Do not place asbestos waste or asbestos bags in domestic bins or general builders' skips.
- All contaminated material must be treated and disposed of as asbestos waste.
- All soils containing asbestos must be disposed of as asbestos waste.