

SINGLETON WASTE DEPOT ASBESTOS ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINES



General requirements

- A minimum of 24 hours' notice must be given to the Dyring Road Waste Depot's Gatekeeper, on 02 6572 3087, prior to the disposal of asbestos to allow Council's Landfill staff to manage the disposal of the asbestos at the facility.
- Quantities larger than 10 square metres require prior written approval from the Manager Water and Waste and will only be accepted from either a licensed asbestos removalist or a householder able to produce a valid bonded asbestos removal licence issued by NSW Workcover.
- Asbestos **will not** be accepted during wet weather.
- Asbestos must be wet to avoid the creation of dust and must be wrapped in heavy-duty plastic and sealed with strong duct or builders tape.
- Each bag must be marked with the words "CAUTION ASBESTOS" in letters of not less than 40mm and which comply with Australian Standard AS 1319 – Safety Signs for the Occupational Environment
- As per Workcover NSW directive it must be in manageable bundles that maintain their integrity during the unloading process.
- It is the responsibility of the customer to unload their own vehicle.
- The Gatekeeper will inspect each load using CCTV located at the weighbridge. If a load does not visibly comply then it will be rejected.
- It is the responsibility of the customer disposing of the asbestos to advise the Gatekeeper of the name, address, and nature of the load to ensure correct charges apply.
- If during unloading, a load is deemed by the Site Supervisor to not comply with Council's requirements (e.g. load has split or not appropriately covered) then the driver of the delivery vehicle must wet down and cover the asbestos with plastic to a degree that complies with Council's requirements.
- If the driver of the vehicle is unprepared or unable to fulfil these requirements, the Site Supervisor will inform the customer that the asbestos is to be removed off site.

The transport of asbestos must comply with the requirements of the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the Hunter Area Health Service Public Health Unit (PHU).

Asbestos Wastes can be classified into two categories:

- 1) Stabilised Asbestos** is any waste containing asbestos in a bonded matrix, e.g. asbestos cement sheeting ("fibro"), and bituminous floor tiles/roof sheeting.
- 2) Asbestos Fibre and Dust Waste** is any waste containing asbestos dust or fibres. Examples include brake lining dust, acoustic insulation, thermal insulation (lagging), and dust from ventilation collection systems.

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Please follow these guidelines for safe disposal of asbestos wastes at Council's Dyring Road Waste depot;

1) Stabilised (bonded) Asbestos

Small quantities (i.e. hand-unloaded material): Each sheet of asbestos must be thoroughly wet and wrapped in heavy-duty builders' plastic (the grade of plastic must be at least 200 microns thick). The package must be sealed, using strong builders tape or duct tape. Packages must be wrapped in manageable sizes of not more than 25kg for unloading.

Waste must be carefully unloaded to prevent the release of dust. Council staff will be directing customers to the appropriate disposal area for unloading by hand. Customers must unload their own asbestos waste and place it at the special disposal site as directed by attending Council staff.

Large quantities (i.e. tipper truck): The vehicle or container into which the asbestos waste is placed must be lined with heavy-duty builders' plastic sheeting and asbestos sheeting must be thoroughly doused with water individually, before the plastic sheeting is folded back over the waste and safely secured with builders tape or strong duct tape.

Unloading at the waste depot must be carried out in a manner that prevents the release of dust.

2) Asbestos fibre and dust waste

In accordance to Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2005 – Clause 42, asbestos waste that is in the form of asbestos fibre and dust waste must be covered in such a manner as to prevent the emission of any dust. It must not be collected and stored except in accordance with the following procedures;

- a) Each bag must be made of heavy duty low density polyethylene of at least 0.2mm thickness, and have dimensions of no more than 1.2m in height and 0.9m in width;
- b) Each bag must be sealed by a wire tie, and contain no more than 25kg of waste;
- c) Each bag must be marked with the words "CAUTION ASBESTOS" in letters of not less than 40mm and which comply with Australian Standard AS 1319 – Safety Signs for the Occupational Environment.

Further information that may be helpful to the safe handling and disposal of asbestos can be found on the following websites:

Workcover NSW
NSW Government Fibro and Asbestos Guide
Office of Environment & Heritage