


## **ASBESTOS IMPORTANT DISPOSAL INFORMATION**

There are legal requirements for the safe disposal and dumping of asbestos.

- Asbestos is a hazardous material that can have health effects to yourself and others if asbestos fibres become airborne
- Asbestos waste is a regulated waste
- Asbestos waste must be disposed of at a landfill site
- It is illegal to dispose of asbestos waste in domestic garbage bins
- It is illegal to re-use, recycle or illegally dump asbestos products
- It is illegal to store, sell or give away asbestos.

If you planning to remove 10 square metres or less of non-friable materials containing asbestos, you do not require a certificate. However, you will still need to follow safe work procedures and safety precautions to minimise asbestos fibres getting into the air. Guidance on removing 10 square metres or less of non-friable asbestos materials is available from the  [Asbestos: a guide for minor renovation](#) (5.65 MB).

Asbestos must be brought to the site correctly **labelled, double wrapped 0.2mm with thick plastic bags or sheeting, sealed with tape and labelled** [www.asbestos.qld.gov.au/removing-or-disturbing-asbestos/transport-and-disposal-asbestos-waste/important-disposal-information](http://www.asbestos.qld.gov.au/removing-or-disturbing-asbestos/transport-and-disposal-asbestos-waste/important-disposal-information) . We will not accept asbestos that is not packaged properly as we have a duty of care to the staff who work on the site. **A lined skip is not acceptable at Council's Landfills**; all packages should be visible.

**No asbestos will be tipped from a vehicle.** This is to reduce the risk of the packaging being ruptured and fibres being released. Asbestos must be brought in packages so that they can be lifted off by the carrier and placed on the ground for burial. The site contractors have very limited facility for lifting and so customers should make arrangements for this. Another alternative where a roll-on-off skip is used is to place the skip on the ground and tilt it so that the packaged asbestos slides off the skip without any of the package rupturing.

Council requires **at least 24 hours' notice**. Council will book the load in to the site's computer system at least 24 hours in advance. Customers are advised that their **carrier should also contact** with the site. Some customers might find it easier to get the carrier to make all of the arrangements and simply pay the carrier.

**Details required by Council** are: Name of client, name of carrier, registration number of truck bringing the asbestos, date, time, approx. quantity of asbestos. We need all this information so that we can make the booking.

The site contractor will bury the asbestos immediately or as soon as possible after the asbestos has been deposited, as per Council's procedure. It is not always possible to deposit the asbestos into a freshly dug hole in the ground on the landfill site. Burial under other wastes is perfectly acceptable under Council's site license, and clients should not be concerned if this occurs.

**Disposal fees** are available on the Councils website: [Fees and Charges](#). Higher fees apply for asbestos from outside the Whitsunday Region. Fees are reviewed annually.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTING ASBESTOS**

### **Homeowners with less than 175kgs of non-friable asbestos waste**

The regulated waste transport laws do not apply if you are transporting less than 175kg of asbestos waste in a vehicle on a non-commercial basis. While approval is not required, you must transport and dispose of the asbestos waste promptly, safely and legally.

*As a general guide, 175 kg of typical asbestos waste would occupy about a quarter of a normal household trailer.*

### **Homeowners with 175kgs or more of asbestos waste**

The regulated waste transport laws apply if you are transporting 175kg or more of waste asbestos in a vehicle on a non-commercial basis. The best option would be to engage a commercial contractor to undertake the transport and disposal.

Before engaging a commercial contractor, it is critically important that you check whether they hold a current environmental authority to transport regulated waste. You can confirm this with the contractor as a copy of the environmental authority must be kept with the vehicle

### **Contractors and Businesses with less than 175kgs of asbestos waste**

An environmental authority to transport regulated waste and the completion of waste transport certificates **is not required for the non-commercial transportation of less than 175kg of asbestos waste**. Therefore, if the main purpose of your commercial operation is not transporting regulated waste, but you transport asbestos waste as an incidental part of carrying out your main business, you do not need to hold an environmental authority for regulated waste transport or complete waste transport certificates when transporting less than 175kg of asbestos waste.

For example, if you are a plumber and you are carrying out plumbing works that results in the production of asbestos waste, you do not need an environmental authority to take the asbestos waste to the landfill if the load is less than 175kg (because transporting asbestos waste is not the main purpose of your business).

### **Contractors and Businesses with 175kgs or more of asbestos waste**

The regulated waste transport laws apply if you are transporting 175kg or more of asbestos waste in a vehicle on a non-commercial basis, and you will therefore need to:

- engage a commercial contractor to undertake the transport and dispose of the asbestos; or
- obtain an [environmental authority](#) for regulated waste transport (details on the laws are provided on the [Regulated waste transport - environmental authority](#) page).

### **Transporting asbestos waste on a commercial basis**

The regulated waste transport laws apply if you are transporting any quantity of asbestos in a vehicle on a commercial basis. Commercial basis means that the *primary objective* of the operator is to, or includes, transport of regulated waste. The laws require you to:

- hold an environmental authority to transport regulated waste in a vehicle, and
- accurately record and submit waste tracking information.

Application for [environmental authority](#) to transport regulated waste is made to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection - contact 13 QGOV.