



# 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 10m<sup>2</sup>.

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 Government's Asbestos website at [www.asbestos.qld.gov.au](http://www.asbestos.qld.gov.au)

## Preparing your asbestos for disposal

Guidelines that **must** be met when disposing 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 transport of asbestos in excess of 175kg 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 heavy duty plastic sheeting not less than 0.2mm in thickness labelling.
- Wrapped bundles must be no longer 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 Lakes Creek Road Waste Management Facility at least 48 hours prior, to organise an appointment time to dispose of more than 175kg of asbestos.
- On arrival at the Weighbridge Gatehouse, 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.
- Any unlawfully disposed asbestos will be charged as Category 2 Regulated waste and will be reported to the Department of Environment, Science & Technology. Examples of unlawful disposal can include asbestos that is not appropriately wrapped, asbestos that is not declared, or loads exceeding 175kg and not transported by a licensed waste transporter or without proper documentation.

## Step by step checklist

### 1. Will your load weigh less than 175kg?

**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 the "Preparing your asbestos for disposal" section.

### 3. Have you labelled your asbestos correctly?

**Yes:** You are now ready to proceed to landfill if disposing less than 175kg. If more, make your appointment to take your load to the landfill for disposal. Go to Q4.

**No:** Read the "Wrapping your asbestos waste" section.

### 4. Have you given Lakes Creek Road Waste Management Facility 48 hours notice that you will be disposing more than 175kg of asbestos?

**Yes:** You may proceed to the landfill at the appointment time to dispose of your asbestos.

**No:** You must contact the landfill to arrange an appointment.

For more information on asbestos visit the Queensland Government WorkSafe website at

[www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/injury-prevention-safety/asbestos](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/injury-prevention-safety/asbestos)