



# Removal and Transport of Asbestos Material (domestic only)

## Authorising Provisions:

- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (WHS Act)*
- *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 (WHS Regulation)*
- *Code of Practice: How to Safely Remove Asbestos*
- *Code of Practice: How to Manage and Control Asbestos in the Workplace*
- *Public Health Act 2005 (PH Act)*
- *Public Health Regulation 2005 (PH Regulation)*
- *Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act)*
- *Environmental Protection Regulation 2019 (EP Regulation)*
- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *LL No 4 (Local Govt Controlled Areas Facilities & Roads) 2014*

## 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 Health website at: [www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/industryenvironment/environment-land-water/asbestos](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/industryenvironment/environment-land-water/asbestos).

An additional resources is the Queensland Governments 'Asbestos – A guide for minor renovation, found here: [www.asbestos.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/asbestos-home-renovators-trades-guide.pdf](http://www.asbestos.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/asbestos-home-renovators-trades-guide.pdf).

## 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 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 sheeting at least 2 micrometres (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**

1. A minimum of 48 hours' notice is required prior to Council accepting asbestos waste at the Regulated Waste Landfill site in Cloncurry.
2. Contact Council on (07) 4742 4100 to arrange a disposal time.
3. Disposal times are Monday to Friday 8:30am to 11:30am and 1:30pm to 3:30pm.
4. No disposal is permitted on weekends.
5. 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 Person of Council.

### **Step by step checklist**

1. Will your load weigh less than 175kg?  
 Yes: Go to Q2  
 No: Contact your local fully licensed commercial asbestos removalist contractor.
2. Have you bagged or wrapped your asbestos according to the guidelines?  
 Yes: Go to Q3

No: Read 'Asbestos Disposal Fact Sheet'.

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 'Asbestos Disposal Fact Sheet'.

4. Have you arranged an appointment and given a minimum of 48 hours' notice that you will be disposing asbestos?

Yes: You may proceed to the landfill at the appointed time to dispose of your currently wrapped and labelled asbestos.

No: You must contact Council to arrange an appointment.

### **Further information**

For more information on asbestos visit the Queensland Health website [www.health.qld.gov.au/publichealth/industry-environment/environment-landwater/asbestos](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/publichealth/industry-environment/environment-landwater/asbestos).

For further information, please contact Cloncurry Shire Council:

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