

This guideline is for people wanting to dispose of **less than 10 metres squared** of bonded asbestos.

PLEASE SEE GUIDELINES FOR CONTRACTORS FOR ANYTHING GREATER THAN 10m² OR FRIABLE ASBESTOS.

WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is a naturally-occurring fibrous silicate mineral. It was considered a versatile product because it was able to withstand heat, erosion and decay. It becomes a health risk when asbestos fibres are released into the air and breathed in.

There are two types of asbestos:



FRIABLE ASBESTOS

Any material containing asbestos and is in the form of a powder or can be crumbled, pulverised or reduced to a powder by hand pressure.

Some examples include millboard, pipe and boiler lagging, asbestos cloth and rope.



BONDED ASBESTOS

Any material that contains asbestos in a bonded matrix. Some examples include asbestos cement sheet, water pipes, and floor tiles.

ARE THERE OTHER HELPFUL WEBSITES ON DEALING WITH ASBESTOS?

Asbestos Awareness - asbestosawareness.com.au

SafeWork NSW www.safework.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health www.health.nsw.gov.au

NSW EPA www.epa.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for your cooperation regarding the safe disposal of asbestos waste

COUNCILS INVOLVED:

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Blayney Shire Council
Blue Mountains City Council
Bogan Shire Council
Bourke Shire Council
Brewarrina Shire Council
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ASBESTOS

WASTE

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GUIDELINES



REMOVING
LESS THAN 10m²
OF BONDED ASBESTOS



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WHAT IS ASBESTOS WASTE?

Any wastes containing or potentially containing asbestos are classified as asbestos waste and must be disposed of properly, according to NSW legislation and relevant guidelines. There are significant penalties that apply if legislation isn't adhered to, including illegal dumping of asbestos and placing into kerbside bins. Furthermore, improper handling and disposal of this material can put you, others and the environment at risk.

Handling of asbestos waste will require personal protective equipment and tools to remove the asbestos waste safely like coveralls, gloves, dust masks, tape, filters, etc.

Please read the following information to ensure you meet these requirements.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE REMOVING ASBESTOS?

- Visit the asbestos awareness website (asbestosawareness.com.au). The website has vital information regarding the likely locations of asbestos, requirements for removal, health implications and safety precautions.
- If it is bonded asbestos and is less than 10m² you may remove it yourself (visit the asbestos awareness website for more details). However, the safest way to deal with asbestos is by **using a licensed contractor**.
- Bonded asbestos of greater than 10m² and/ or all friable asbestos can **only** be removed by a licensed contractor. A list of contractors is available at the SafeWork NSW website. If you are a contractor please see the **Asbestos Waste Disposal Guidelines for Licensed Contractors**. <http://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/information-searches/asbestos-and-demolition-licence-holders>



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE TRANSPORTING THE BONDED ASBESTOS TO THE WASTE FACILITY?

- **You must make an appointment at least 24 hours beforehand.**
 - Call Council's waste facility to book a time and day of delivery. Council will discuss the process with you to ascertain whether additional safety measures need to be implemented.
 - Please ensure you state:
 - Approximate volume/weight
 - Type of asbestos
 - Day and time of arrival
 - Where the asbestos is originating from
 - Type of vehicle.
- All vehicles must ensure waste is covered, properly secured and leak proof during transportation.
- All asbestos must be double wrapped in sizes that are manageable by hand and will not break open (ie small parcels) if dropped. This is to ensure safety of yourself and staff and to comply with regulations.
- Bagged waste shall be double bagged in asbestos labelled bags, turkey necked tied and taped. Tears and punctures shall be double taped or where, significantly breached, re-packaged.
- All asbestos waste must be clearly labelled with "Caution Asbestos" attached to the exterior.
- Please ensure you have appropriate clothing, footwear and personal protective equipment

BONDED ASBESTOS

- Must be watered down before wrapping.
- Must be **wrapped with two layers** of 200 micron thick **plastic sheets** and sealed with waterproof tape (e.g., duct tape) in small packages which are to unload without breaking open. Recommend a **maximum height of 500mm** to prevent rupture on disposal
- Must be clearly labelled with 'Caution Asbestos' attached to the exterior.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO WHEN I REACH THE WASTE FACILITY?

- Let the operator know you have asbestos waste
- Follow the instructions of the operator as to where you need to take your asbestos and how and where you need to unload it. Incorrect unloading may result in clean-up costs and/or penalties.
- To avoid rupture of wrapped asbestos, loads cannot be run out, tipped or skidded off.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Asbestos waste that does not meet the above requirements may be rejected by the facility
- There are significant penalties for non-compliance of regulations, including fines of up to \$7,500 for individuals and \$15,000 for companies.

