

Waste Disposal – Asbestos

ASBESTOS TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

The handling, transport and disposal of asbestos waste in Queensland are regulated under the **Environmental Protection Act 1994** and administered by the **Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI)**.

More information is provided in Annex I of this document.

BEFORE YOU COME TO THE LANDFILL

In Queensland, asbestos waste must be wrapped, sealed, labelled, and managed in accordance with applicable regulations and safety guidelines to ensure safe transport and disposal. Maximum bundle size requirements are designed to allow safe manual handling.

1) Disposal Limits

- **Homeowners:** Homeowners may transport up to **250 kg of non-friable asbestos** without requiring a special environmental authority or transport licence, provided all packaging and transport requirements are met.
- **Businesses:** Businesses may transport up to **175 kg of asbestos waste**. Quantities above regulatory thresholds may require a **specific Environmental Authority (EA) or licensed transport arrangements**. Please refer to **Annex I** of this document for further information.
- **Large Loads:** Loads exceeding **250 kg** require at least **one week's notice** to Council Customer Service. Acceptance of larger loads will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, depending on landfill operational capacity and compliance requirements.

2) Preparation Requirements

- **Weight Limit:** An individual bag or package should weigh no more than **25kg to 30kg** to allow for safe handling

- **Double Wrapping:** All asbestos sheets must be double-wrapped in polyethylene plastic sheeting that is at least **0.2mm (200 microns) thick**.
- **Sealing:** All bags and wrapped bundles must be securely sealed with heavy-duty adhesive tape.
- **Labelling:** Every bundle or bag must be clearly labelled with a warning sign, such as:

**"CAUTION ASBESTOS: DO NOT DAMAGE OR OPEN BAG.
DO NOT INHALE DUST".**

- **Wetting:** Asbestos must be sprayed with a sealant or wetted with water before wrapping.
- Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idffWmrjZ4s>

Loose asbestos or damaged wrapping will **NOT** be accepted.

3) Call into Local Council Administration Office

- Arrange a **Private Works Agreement** (PWA)
- **Pay** the relevant disposal fees – Refer to Barcaldine Regional Council Register of Commercial, Statutory and Cost Recovery Fees for relevant financial year – available on Council's website – <https://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au/about-council/fees-charges>

Current disposal of fees (2025/2026):

Waste Type	Price
Initial wrapped asbestos bundle	\$360.00 (incl. GST)
Additional wrapped bundles	\$90.00 per m³ (incl. GST)

Fees are charged under **Local Government Act 2009 Section 262(3)(c)**.

- 4) **Arrange site visit:** Council will contact you to arrange a suitable date and time for disposal of asbestos

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

1. The operator will **inspect** the packaging.
2. The operator will quantify the bundles.
3. You will be directed to the **designated asbestos disposal area**.

Do not unload asbestos until instructed by landfill staff.

IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES

To protect workers and the community:

- Do **not open packages**
- Do **not break asbestos materials**
- Keep the waste **sealed at all times**
- Follow instructions from landfill staff

Improperly packaged asbestos may be **refused**.

ASBESTOS WILL BE REFUSED IF

- Not double wrapped
- Plastic is damaged or torn
- Not labelled
- Mixed with other waste

You may be required to **repackage the material before disposal**.

Asbestos is not accepted from other Council areas e.g. Blackall, Longreach, Emerald, etc

In Barcaldine Regional Council, asbestos is only accepted under the above conditions at the following landfill facilities:

1. 100 Yellowjack Drive Landfill, Barcaldine
2. Muttaborra Sword Street Waste Disposal Facility
3. Aramac Waste Disposal Facility

QUESTIONS?

Barcaldine Regional Council

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Annex I: IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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If you are a **commercial operator** (contractor or business)

You must:

- **Hold an Environmental Authority (ERA 57 – Regulated Waste Transport)** if you transport **more than 175 kg of asbestos waste**.
- **Complete a Waste Transport Certificate (WTC)** for **any quantity of asbestos** you transport.

If you are a **homeowner or non-commercial individual**

- If you transport **more than 175 kg of asbestos**, you must hold an **Environmental Authority (ERA 57 – Regulated Waste Transport)**.
- If the quantity **exceeds 250 kg**, you must also complete a **Waste Transport Certificate (WTC)**.

The **Waste Transport Certificate** ensures that asbestos waste is properly tracked from its source to a **licensed disposal facility**.

- Learn more about [asbestos, including transport and disposal of asbestos waste](#).
- Find out about [asbestos removal and assessor licence requirements](#).
Email: palm@des.qld.gov.au, Phone: 13QGOV (13 74 68)
- Read your [waste tracking obligations when transporting asbestos](#).
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