

Asbestos Alert

ASBESTOS? Don't Risk It!

Newcastle City Council recommends you:

- treat all fibro sheets as if they contain asbestos unless tested.
- use a licensed asbestos removal contractor to remove all materials containing asbestos.

These recommendations are enforced on all development approvals issued by Newcastle City Council.

HOW DO I ENSURE THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS WASTE MATERIALS?

Council Requirements for the Disposal of Asbestos

For the safe disposal of asbestos ensure you:

- > keep all waste containing asbestos wet;
- > do not put asbestos waste in domestic garbage bins and compactors;
- > collect and store asbestos fibre and dust waste in impermeable bags which:
 - * are made of heavy-duty low-density polyethylene at least 0.2mm thick, at least 1.2m high and 0.9m wide;
 - * are sealed with wire ties;
 - * are no more than 25kg in weight;
- > if the waste is stored in sealed bags:
 - * the bag must be kept in a leak-proof container used only for the purposes of storing asbestos waste;
 - * the container must have a close-fitting cover to prevent any spillage or dispersal of the waste;
- > each bag should be clearly labelled 'Caution-Asbestos Waste' in letters of not less than 40mm;
- > the container in which the asbestos waste bags are kept should be clearly labelled 'Danger - Asbestos Waste Only - Avoid Creating Dust' in letters of not less than 50mm;
- > the waste should be stored in a secure area to prevent the risk of unauthorised entry and environmental harm and be stored separate from other wastes;
- > stabilised asbestos should be disposed of and unloaded in a manner that reduces the creation of dust. Each sheet should be wetted and the wetted bundles wrapped and sealed in heavy duty plastic as stated above;
- > all waste should be removed from the site as soon as possible in a covered leak proof vehicle to prevent any spills or dispersal of waste and be disposed of at an approved asbestos disposal facility;
- > the vehicle used to transport the asbestos waste must be cleaned to remove all residual asbestos waste before leaving the disposal site.

Please be aware that any waste material that contains asbestos, is classed as asbestos waste and therefore must be handled as asbestos waste.

Legislation Relating to Asbestos Waste

Clause 29 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation, 1996 makes it an offence not to comply with the special requirements relating to the transportation, collection, storage or disposal of asbestos waste, regardless of whether the activity is required to be licensed. The maximum penalty for not complying with the Clause is \$100,000 for individuals and \$200,000 for corporations.



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Location and Address of Waste Management Facility	Asbestos Contact Person in Council	Phone	Required to give Waste Facility 24 hours notice of intention to arrive with asbestos waste	Materials will only be accepted as per the requirements of this package	Other requirement
Awaba Waste Disposal Facility 60 Wilton Road, Awaba		(02) 49595763	Yes (no waste accepted after midday if you have not organised disposal with the facility prior to arriving)	Yes	
Buttonderry Waste Management Facility Hue Hue Road, Warnervale	Health Services (02) 43505410	(02) 43531571	Yes	Yes	No asbestos materials will be accepted during wet weather. Council staff will not be responsible for unloading of vehicle.
Cessnock Waste and Reuse Centre Old Maitland Road, Cessnock	Depot Gatehouse	(02) 49934333	Yes	Yes	Will only accept asbestos waste generated in the Council area
Dungog Council Landfill Short Street, Dungog		(02) 49921634	Yes	Yes	Will only accept asbestos waster generated in the Council area
Gloucester Waste Disposal Facility Thunderbolts Way, Barrington	Manager of Health and Building (02) 65581601	0428312480	Yes	Yes	Will only accept asbestos waster generated in the Council area
Kincumber Landfill Facility Cullen's Road, Kincumber		(02) 43681229	Yes	Yes	
Mount Vincent Road Waste Landfill	Waste Depot	(02) 49341888	Yes	Yes	Asbestos will only be accepted if it is wrapped in plastic as per the requirements of this package
Muswellbrook Waste and Recycling Facility Coal Road, Muswellbrook	Environment Officer	(02) 65434408	Yes	Yes	
New Line Road Resource Recovery Raymond Terrace		(02) 49874524	Yes	Yes	Only accept bonded / sheet asbestos wrapped in black plastic
Scone Waste Facility Area Noblet Road, Scone	Landfill Supervisor	0429046948	Yes	Yes	Will only accept asbestos waster generated in the Council area
Singleton Waste Depot Dyrring Road, Singleton	Customer Service Officer (02) 65787230 or (02) 65787236	(02) 65723087	Yes	Yes	Prior to the disposal of asbestos waste, a letter stating the location of the asbestos to be removed must be submitted to Council. Payment of disposal fees must be made at the Council Chambers
Summerhill Waste Management Facility 141 Minmi Road, Wallsend		(02) 49856600		Yes	Vehicles carrying asbestos waste must be capable of safely traversing the landfill area
Woy Woy Landfill Nagari Road, Woy Woy		(02) 43425255	Yes	Yes	

