

Summerhill Waste Management Centre

Potentially contaminated wastes must be classified as suitable for disposal at the Summerhill Waste Management Centre before it can be accepted at Summerhill. That classification must be arranged by the waste generator/owner. The NSW EPA requires that the waste classification is carried out by a suitably qualified person with reference to the EPA's guidelines.

Procedure for Classification and Disposal

- Summerhill will accept only those wastes classified as either **General Solid Waste (non-putrescible)** or **General Solid Waste (putrescible)** or be subject to an **immobilisation approval** according to the [NSW EPA's Waste Classification Guidelines \(2014\)](#).
- Waste classification reports stating the waste classification or the immobilisation approval should be forwarded to Summerhill prior to the delivery date to permit Council opportunity to review submitted documents. Please contact the facility on 4985 6600.

NOTE: while best endeavours will be made, Council cannot guarantee that suitably qualified staff will be available to review documents on every week day. Council encourages submission of documents well in advance of disposal dates to avoid delays for disposal vehicles.

- The waste classification process may require chemical analysis of the waste. Analysis (total concentrations and toxicity characteristics leaching procedure (TCLP) tests) of representative samples in accordance with the above EPA guidelines must be carried out by a laboratory with NATA registration for those procedures.
- The waste classification documents should be accompanied by copies of any relevant Health Risk Assessments, Material Safety Data Sheets or Safe Work Method Statements for activities associated with the handling of the material requiring disposal.
- A Disposal Approval will be supplied for presentation at the weighbridge upon arrival.
- A booking may need to be made depending on the volume of material to be disposal and if there are any special handling or burial needs. This will be discussed and determined at the time the waste classification information is reviewed.
- No liquid or undried sludge will be accepted.

Council reserves the right to not accept material for disposal until it can be demonstrated that potential health risks associated with handling of the material have been identified and adequately assessed.

Disposal Charges

Please refer to [City of Newcastle's website](#) for current disposal charges.

For additional information on the disposal of Soils or Classified Wastes, please contact the Summerhill office on (02) 4985 6600.

Please note also that a checklist is available to assist waste generators to ensure all pre-disposal steps are completed.