

City Guideline – Asbestos Disposal

Purpose

1. The City of Albany maintains licences for disposal of waste at designated landfill sites. One of the conditions on those licences is that the disposal of asbestos is within work safe guidelines. These Guidelines have been in force since 1 October 2008.
2. Asbestos is classified as Type 1 Special Waste and as such, must be disposed of at the Hanrahan Road Waste Management Facility owned by the City of Albany. This is the only licensed disposal site by the Department of Environment Regulation to accept asbestos.
3. Hanrahan Road Waste Management Facility is licensed to accept both types of asbestos friable and non friable.

Types of Asbestos

Non – Friable

- This is the most common form of asbestos and includes a range of asbestos cement products such as fencing and roofing panels and vinyl asbestos tiles.
- Non friable asbestos contains a binder that holds the asbestos fibres in a solid mass.
- The individual asbestos fibres cannot be easily released unless the asbestos is mishandled, damaged, badly worn or weathered.

Friable

- This is less common. Also known as limpet asbestos, it includes such products as pipe insulation (lagging) and sprayed on or tiled sound insulation materials.
- As friable asbestos is easily crumbled to a fine powder by hand, safe removal should only be carried out by a licensed asbestos removalist.

Guidelines

4. The following guidelines will assist you to correctly dispose of asbestos products at the Hanrahan Road Waste Management Facility.

Friable Asbestos

- Any friable asbestos must only be removed by a Licensed Asbestos removalist.
- Please contact the City of Albany prior to the asbestos waste being delivered to enable special arrangements to be implemented to accept this form of asbestos waste.
- If the prescribed conditions outlined above are not followed, you will be asked to remove the offending asbestos from the City of Albany's waste facility.

Non-Friable Asbestos

- All non-friable asbestos must be disposed off in the following manner:
- You must notify the weighbridge attendant that you intend to dispose of Asbestos
- The asbestos must be completely separated from other material
- All asbestos is to be wrapped in heavy duty plastic (200 microns thick – minimum), and sealed with tape to prevent the asbestos fibres from entering the atmosphere
- The asbestos must be labelled with the following words in letters not less than 50mm high – “CAUTION ASBESTOS”
- Manual Handling – bundles are to contain no more than 3 sheets per bundle.
- Mechanical Handling – bundles are to contain no more than 20 sheets per bundle.
- Broken and unstable asbestos is to be contained in heavy duty plastic bags (200microns thick – minimum) that have been sealed and clearly labelled as containing asbestos. It is recommended that Bulka Bags be used to prevent tearing of the wrappings if the asbestos contains any jagged edges.
- ALL packaging materials must be protected and remain intact during transport and disposal. Any packaging that has been damaged in transit must be replaced or repaired prior to disposal of the consignment. All loads will be inspected for compliance by the landfill attendant after unloading.
- Tipping of loads will not be allowed.
- The transporter is responsible for the unloading of the packaged asbestos.
- It must be left in a suitable condition to enable loader forks to relocate the asbestos to the storage area.

Fees

- Please contact the Hanrahan Road Waste Management Facility to ascertain the current charge for the disposal of asbestos. This fee is listed in Council’s “Schedule of Fees and Charges” which is available to the public on request.

Operating Hours

- Hanrahan Road Waste Management Facility - (08) 6820 3916
 - Open Monday to Sunday 8.30am-4.15pm
 - Closed Christmas Day and Good Friday

Asbestos Disposal Guidelines

Handling and disposal at Hanrahan Road Waste Management Facility



Figure 1

Note: Figure 1 details the Safe off-loading with Hiab hoist and correct stacking for loader.



Figure 2

Note: Figure 2 is an example of unacceptable dumping as a result of tipping. A loader cannot pickup the load without further breaking the packaging. This practice is unsafe for landfill users.

Legislative and Strategic Context

5. References:

- NOHSC: 2018 (2005) Code of Practice – Management & Control of Asbestos in Workplaces
- NOHSC: 2002 (2005) Code of Practice – Safe Removal of Asbestos

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