

ASBESTOS DISPOSAL GUIDELINES

JACKSON STREET WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

As everyone is aware, asbestos products pose a number of health and environmental risks during their removal, transport and disposal. Glenorchy City Council (GCC) is committed to ensuring the safety of all its staff and all those who utilise the landfill.

It is important, therefore, that asbestos be handled appropriately with minimum exposure to all involved. It is also important that all packaging of waste asbestos products comply with the *Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (Tas)* and should follow the guidelines set out in the [How to manage and control asbestos in the workplace: Code of Practice 2018](#) and [How to safely remove asbestos: Code of Practice 2018 \(WorkSafe Tasmania\)](#).

In consultation with the EPA & Workplace standards, the following guidelines have been set regarding the disposal of asbestos at the Jackson Street Landfill:

1. **ADVANCE NOTICE:** A minimum notice of 24 hours is required before the disposal of asbestos from commercial operators. We also ask that homeowners bringing domestic asbestos waste also pre-book to allow us to prepare the burial site. Anything larger than a small trailer load will be deemed a commercial load. Please contact our tollbooth staff on 6216 6712 to pre-book your disposal.
2. **TIME LIMIT:** Council will only accept asbestos waste Monday to Friday up until 2pm. This is to ensure enough time for site preparation and burial.
3. **DOUBLE-WRAPPED:** All asbestos products need to be placed entirely within heavy duty polythene sheeting approximately 200µm (0.2mm) thick, double wrapped and should be sealed with adhesive tape.
4. **HEIGHT LIMIT:** All asbestos waste products ready for disposal should not exceed a height of 1 metre.
5. **VEHICLE SIZE LIMIT:** No vehicles or trucks greater than a 10 yard carrying capacity will be accepted, unless the appropriate equipment can be demonstrated. This includes a side-loading crane to safely lift and place all material directly within the controlled/hazardous burial area.
6. **BURIAL SITE:** All asbestos materials must be dumped directly into the controlled/hazardous burial area.

Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in our staff not accepting the waste material, refusing entry, or you may be held liable for the cost of cleaning up improperly dumped material.

These guidelines have been set to ensure minimum exposure to all GCC staff and operators who utilise the landfill and help increase efficiency in disposal methods and burial. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Waste Services Coordinator directly on (03) 6216 6784.

If you have any general queries about asbestos in the workplace or home please visit the Asbestos Awareness website: [AsbestosAwareness.com.au](https://www.asbestosawareness.com.au)

WorkSafe Tasmania Asbestos Code of Practice:

<https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice/cop-folder/how-to-manage-and-control-asbestos-in-the-workplace>

Asbestos Awareness.com.au:

Useful information on asbestos, including:

- Fact sheets for home owners, tradespeople and commercial operators
- Checklists and Handbooks for home owners and businesses
- An asbestos product database

Find a licensed asbestos removalist or assessor:

<https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-permits-and-registration/asbestos-licensing/find-a-licensed-asbestos-removalist-or-assessor>

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