

# Asbestos Disposal Information Sheet



Relevant to – *Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1992 and Work Health and Safety (General Regulations) 2022*

## Asbestos Disposal

Asbestos is classified, by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, as a Type 1 Special Waste. Asbestos must be disposed of at a disposal site licensed to accept such wastes. The Shire of Esperance Wylie Bay Waste Management Facility is licensed by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to accept a range of wastes including Type 1 Special Waste. Under this licence, the Shire can only accept asbestos and products containing asbestos which is properly wrapped.

## Disposal Requirements

The following fact sheet will assist you in correctly disposing of your asbestos products at the Wylie Bay Waste Management Facility. Disposal of asbestos material is by appointment only from Monday – Friday. Should you require further information, please call the Wylie Bay Waste Management Facility on (08) 9071 7594 to arrange for disposal.

## Types of Asbestos

There are two types of asbestos; non-friable and friable – Wylie Bay Waste Management Facility is licensed to accept both types.

### Friable Asbestos

The less common type; friable asbestos was used in the 1950s and 1960s to insulate pipes, applied as a spray, or as tiles on walls and ceilings for sound/fire insulation. As friable asbestos can be easily crumbled to fine powder by hand, it should only be removed by a licensed asbestos removal specialist. Please see the licensed asbestos removalists section for more information.

Special arrangements have to be made to accept this form of asbestos. Wylie Bay Waste Management Facility is to be contacted prior to the waste being delivered.

## Licensed Asbestos Removalists

Worksafe is the division of the Department of Commerce which, as a part of its role in workplace safety and health, issues licenses to perform asbestos work in Western Australia. There are two types of asbestos removal licenses, which are Class A and Class B.

### Class A asbestos removal licence

Permits the holder (or people the holder employs) to remove friable and non-friable forms of asbestos.

### Class B asbestos removal licence

Permits the holder (or people the holder employs) to remove bonded (non-friable) asbestos exceeding 10 square metres.

Worksafe's list of Class A and Class B asbestos licence holders can be found via the link below or scan the QR code: [commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/licensed-asbestos-assessor-list](https://commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/licensed-asbestos-assessor-list)



## Non-friable asbestos

Non-friable asbestos, also known as bonded asbestos is the most common form of asbestos and it includes a range of asbestos cement products such as fencing and roofing sheets, as well as vinyl asbestos tiles. Non-friable asbestos has a binder that holds the asbestos fibres in a solid matrix. This means that the individual asbestos fibres cannot be easily released unless it is mishandled, damaged or badly weathered.

## Disposal of non-friable asbestos

All non-friable asbestos must be:

- Kept wet to ensure no air borne fibres can escape.
- Separated from other materials for disposal.
- Double wrapped in heavy duty plastic 0.2mm polythene black (which is available from most hardware stores) and sealed with adhesive tape to prevent asbestos fibres from being released.
- Labelled with the words **“CAUTION ASBESTOS”** in letters no less than 50mm high.
- Unloading is the responsibility of the person delivering asbestos containing material for disposal. Please contact Wylie Bay Waste Management Facility for further information or to discuss unloading requirements.



## Further Information

More information and Guidance on asbestos management in Western Australia can be found on the Department of Health website via the following link or scan the QR code

[health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A\\_E/About asbestos](http://health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/About_asbestos)



## Safety

The Shire of Esperance is extremely proud of Wylie Bay Waste Management Facility's safety record. To uphold this standard, children and pets must not get out of the vehicle at any time at the facility.

Safety measures should be taken to prevent asbestos fibres escaping during removal and transportation of material. For further advice on this matter, Environmental Health Services can be contacted on (08) 9071 0676.

## Schedule of Fees

A current fee for the disposal of asbestos waste can be obtained by contacting the Wylie Bay Waste Management Facility on (08) 9071 7594.

Tip passes cannot be used for the disposal of asbestos.

## Operating Hours

You must give at least 24 hours notice of asbestos disposal by ringing (08) 9071 7594. Asbestos containing material is accepted between 9 am to 3 pm by appointment Monday - Friday.

Open Monday to Friday 9 am till 4 pm  
Cash, EFTPOS and most credit cards are accepted.

Wylie Bay Waste Management Facility is closed on; Good Friday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Additionally, the facility may be closed during extreme weather events/storms and during periods of high winds.