

Asbestos Information Sheet

Relevant to – Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1972



Asbestos Disposal

Asbestos is classified, by the Department of 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's Wylie Bay Landfill is licensed by the Department of 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.

Type of Asbestos

There are two types of asbestos; non-friable and friable – Wylie bay Landfill is licensed to accept both types.

Non-friable 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.

The less common type; friable asbestos, also known as limpet asbestos, was used in the 1950s and 1960s to lag pipes, as a spray application, 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.

Disposal Requirements

The following guidelines will assist you in correctly disposing of your asbestos products at the Wylie Bay Waste facility. Disposal of asbestos material is by appointment only from Monday – Friday. Should you require further information please call the Wylie Bay Landfill site on 90717594 to arrange for disposal.

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.
- 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 40mm high.

Friable Asbestos

Licensed asbestos removalists should be engaged to remove friable asbestos. Since special arrangements have to be made to accept this form of asbestos. Wylie Bay is to be contacted prior to the waste being delivered.

Asbestos Contaminated Material

The Department of Environmental Regulation requires that anyone disposing of soil and/or sand contaminated with asbestos obtain a Waste Acceptance Approval Certificate prior to disposal at its disposal site.

Safety

The Shire of Esperance is extremely proud of Wylie Bay Landfill's safety record. To maintain that record children and pets must not get out of the vehicle at any time at the facility.

A number of safety measures should be taken to prevent asbestos fibres escaping during the removal and transport these can be discussed with Environmental Health Services.

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 license: restricted and unrestricted.

Restricted asbestos removal licence

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

Unrestricted asbestos removal licence

Allows the holder (or people the holder employs) to remove all forms of asbestos. Worksafe has lists of restricted and unrestricted licence holders. Lists are updated every month. These lists can be found at:

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/finding-and-selecting-asbestos-licence-holder>

Further asbestos information

More information can be found at [http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/About asbestos](http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/About%20asbestos)

Schedule of Fees

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

Please note that 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 deliveries must be delivered on site before 3:30PM on scheduled day.

Wylie Bay Landfill is closed on; Good Friday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Also be closed when the weather has high winds and extreme storms/weather events.

Open Monday to Friday 9:00 till 15:00.



Cash, EFTPOS and most credit cards are accepted.

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