



Fact Sheet

Disposal of asbestos waste

Council has strict conditions for the acceptance of asbestos waste at the Gunnedah Waste Management Facility. It is essential customers follow directions before and during disposal to avoid asbestos exposure to themselves, staff and other people.

Please note asbestos waste is not accepted at any of Council's Rural Waste Facilities (landfills), Waste Transfer Stations or Mobile Collection Service drop off points.

Conditions of entry and disposal

Minor Loads (less than 100kg or 10 square metres)

To dispose of asbestos waste at Gunnedah Waste Management Facility (Gunnedah Landfill), the following conditions must be met:

- Pre-arranged bookings for disposal must be made before entry.
- Asbestos waste must be double wrapped in 2 sealed heavy duty bags made from low density polyethylene (LDPE) at least 0.2mm thick.
- Each bag will have maximum dimensions of 1.2m x 0.9m and weigh no more than 15kg.
- Each bag must be marked "CAUTION ASBESTOS" in letters not less than 40mm in height.
- These sealed bags must be able to be placed on the ground in a manner which prevents their rupture and/or creation of dust.
- On arrival at the facility, you must follow the directions of staff.
- For more information for preparation and disposal details visit <https://www.gunnedah.nsw.gov.au/index.php/environment/public-environmental-health/asbestos>

General Loads (more than 100kg or 10 square metres)

Ensure compliance with the NSW EPA's tracking requirements on the 'Integrated Waste Tracking Solution' website

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/waste/integrated-waste-tracking-solution>

Householders who transport their own household asbestos waste themselves can use the [Disposing of Household Asbestos Form](#) to report the movement of asbestos waste to the EPA.

- This form should be submitted **within 24 hours after** the asbestos load has been delivered to the receiving facility
- It is the householder's responsibility to fill out the form
- The form can also be viewed here <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/household-building-and-renovation/dealing-with-household-asbestos/disposing-of-household-asbestos-form>

The regulatory requirements for all other transporters tracking asbestos waste remains unchanged by adhering to the NSW EPA [Asbestos and Waste Tyre Guidelines](#)

- The Government Gazette notice can also be viewed here

https://gazette.legislation.nsw.gov.au/so/download.w3p?id=Gazette_2024_2024-64.pdf

Asbestos Contaminated Material (ACM) – Soil that is contaminated with asbestos waste and that consists predominantly of soil must be approved by operations Supervisor before disposal and with supporting documentation (classification report) and tonnage limits apply.

The following is not permitted

- Delivery of asbestos which is not correctly packaged and handled during delivery and disposal.
- Non-disclosure by the transporter of asbestos-containing materials.
- Arrival at the waste facility without a prior disposal booking.
- Unloading asbestos in a manner which may break open the plastic wrapping.
- Not following the directions of staff.

How to book in asbestos waste for disposal

Asbestos waste is accepted **by appointment only**:

- Scheduled between 8am to 4pm only.
- To make a booking for asbestos waste disposal at Gunnedah Waste Management Facility, please phone **(02) 6742 3943** at least 24 hours in advance (but 48 hours is preferred).
- You will need to supply your name, address, phone number, date of disposal and approximately how much asbestos waste you have for disposal.
- For loads MORE than 10 tonnes OR multiple truck loads of asbestos-containing materials OR friable asbestos, please visit Council website for major loads requirements.

Fees and Charges for asbestos waste disposal

The fees and charges for waste disposal are available on Council's website at

<https://www.gunnedah.nsw.gov.au/index.php/council/council-information/fees-charges>

Penalties may apply

If the conditions outlined in this Fact Sheet are not followed for the disposal of asbestos waste at the Gunnedah Waste Management Facility, you may be in breach of the *NSW Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014* and could be liable for penalties.