

Asbestos safety at WestVic's Transfer Station

Asbestos

Remove **safe** ✓

Dispose **safe** ✓

Stay **safe** ✓

Asbestos was commonly used in Australia for construction before it was banned in 2003 as we now know that it can be dangerous for your health.

Risks associated with asbestos can be safely managed by ensuring correct removal, transportation and disposal procedures are followed.

Asbestos is still present in many homes, commercial buildings and farms. That's why it's important to have waste facilities to dispose of it safely.

Westvic is working with Sustainability Victoria to trial a local disposal option for small quantities of packaged, non-friable (or bonded) asbestos waste at our Transfer Station. On site the waste will be temporarily stored in a fit for purpose bin, before being transported to a licensed landfill for final disposal.

Read on for an overview of how the community, customers and our team at the Transfer Station will be kept safe.



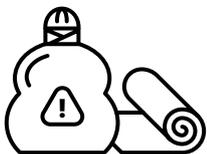
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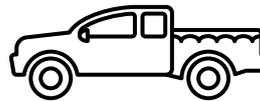
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

All customers will have to book a time slot to dispose of their asbestos waste. This will help manage customer numbers and ensures trained staff members are available to monitor safe disposal. The site will only accept small quantities of non-friable asbestos.



ASBESTOS IS SAFELY PACKAGED

Asbestos waste must be double wrapped, sealed and labelled at the point where it is removed from a building or structure. This must be done using heavy duty (minimum of 0.2 mm thickness) HDPE plastic sheeting or specialised asbestos bags, which can be found at most hardware stores and safety equipment suppliers.



SAFE AND SECURE TRANSPORT

Under the Environment Protection Act asbestos waste must be transported safely and securely. This means:

- **Licensed asbestos removalists, waste transporters** or a **tradesperson** must comply with their Industrial Waste Duties, including transporting asbestos in Environment Protection Authority permissioned vehicles and using Waste Tracker.
- **Householders** must ensure packaged asbestos is secured in their vehicle or trailer to avoid any tears or the risk of waste falling out onto roads.



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TRAINED STAFF AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

- Site operators will be trained and supported with appropriate operating procedures – ensuring their own, and the community's, safety.
- Site operators will visually inspect loads to make sure they meet packaging requirements. They will also monitor customers disposing of waste at the asbestos disposal point.



SPECIALISED DISPOSAL PROCESSES AND EQUIPMENT

- WestVic's Transfer Station must have an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria permission to temporarily store packaged, non-friable asbestos waste.
- **The disposal point** has been specifically designed to store asbestos waste safely. The area will be fenced and will have a weather-proof, fit for purpose bin that is lined with heavy duty plastic. Once the bin reaches storage limits the waste will be completely sealed and transported to an EPA Victoria licensed landfill for final disposal.



EMERGENCY EVENTS

In the unlikely event of an asbestos waste spill or fire, WestVic has an emergency management plan in place to protect the surrounding community from any risk. In the event of;

- **An asbestos waste spill** – the site will have procedures and equipment to support operators with managing a clean up.
- **A fire** – WestVic will work closely, and swiftly, with emergency services and relevant authorities to protect the surrounding community and the local environment from any risk.

Customers will be provided with detailed information on how they must prepare and transport asbestos to site before visiting. For general information on the asbestos disposal point pilot at WestVic's Transfer Station please visit www.westvicwaste.com/transfer-station.



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