

# Asbestos safety at Romsey Resource Recovery Facility

## 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.

**Macedon Ranges Shire Council** is working with Sustainability Victoria (SV) to establish a local asbestos disposal point for small quantities of packaged, non-friable (or bonded) asbestos waste at **Romsey Resource Recovery Facility**. On site the waste will be temporarily stored in a fit for purpose bin, before being transported to a licensed landfill for final disposal.

The development and operation of the site will be informed by SV's pilot program which successfully tested the infrastructure and procedures needed to manage the safe disposal of asbestos.

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



For more information, visit  
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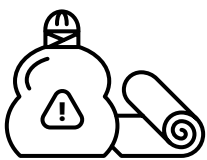


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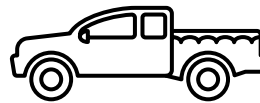
## BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

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 packaged, 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.



## 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 (EPA) Victoria permitted 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.

Roads leading to the site will be closely monitored by **Macedon Ranges Shire Council** to ensure they remain free from illegally dumped asbestos.



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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

- **Macedon Ranges Shire Council** must have an 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. Once the bin reaches storage limits it will be transported to an EPA Victoria licensed landfill for final disposal.



## EMERGENCY EVENTS

In the unlikely event of an asbestos waste spill or fire at **Romsey Resource Recovery Facility, Macedon Ranges Shire Council** 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** – **Macedon Ranges Shire Council** 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 at **Romsey Resource Recovery Facility** please visit [mrsc.vic.gov.au/RRF](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/RRF).



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