

contaminated soil disposal

Information for suppliers or generators of excavated soil material to be disposed at the Ballina Resource Recovery Centre.

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Ballina Resource Recovery Centre is licensed to accept general solid waste only.

No asbestos or asbestos impacted material is accepted at this facility. Penalties of up to \$7,500 apply for disposal of soil or waste containing asbestos.

Definition

The contaminated soil waste classification (CONT) is defined as soil that is contaminated and not suitable for reuse. This classification does not apply to soil contaminated with asbestos.

Contamination in this instance can include the inclusion of other wastes types such as building and demolition material and/or contamination of soil as a result of previous land use activities.

Waste classification

All waste must comply with the general solid waste requirements of the Waste Guidelines, i.e. the NSW EPA Waste Classification Guidelines Part 1: Classifying waste (<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/publications/wasteregulation/140796-classify-waste>). Waste generators are to follow the steps outlined in this guideline until the waste classification has been established under a particular step.

Care must be taken to ensure that no asbestos is associated with waste material. Asbestos impacted material is classified as special waste and must be managed accordingly.

Many commonly generated waste types have been pre-classified by the NSW EPA. If your waste can be pre-classified, laboratory testing is usually not required. For example, the majority of unseparated building and demolition waste can be considered to be pre-classified as general solid waste (non-putrescible).

If your waste is not pre-classified or considered special waste, the waste generators must chemically assess their waste in accordance with Step 5 of the Waste Guidelines to determine the classification. Laboratory analysis of soil samples will identify the average concentration of waste being assessed.

Are there any legal waste transport or tracking requirements?

Depends. Certain types of contaminated waste require tracking (see [Waste to be tracked \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/waste-to-be-tracked)). The tracking requirements apply to waste being transported solely within NSW and between NSW and other states and territories are legislated.

If these contamination types don't apply to your soil as a minimum and for due diligence, you should keep records of the:

- amount and the type of waste generated, stored, treated or disposed of
- amount and the type of waste transported
- name of the transporter and vehicle registration number
- date of transportation
- name and location of the waste facility that is receiving the waste.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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