
Summerhill Waste Management Centre

Disposal of Difficult or Offensive Wastes

Some wastes can cause environmental and/or workplace health and safety (WHS) risks when presented at Summerhill for disposal.

To manage those risks, specific conditions will apply to their disposal. These conditions are in addition to the normal requirements for waste disposal.

The wastes involved are typically dusty, odorous and/or have particular WHS concerns associated with their disposal.

Whilst these wastes may be classified as General Solid Waste under NSW EPA waste classification guidelines, they are regarded as 'Difficult' or 'Offensive' wastes by the Summerhill Waste Management Centre.

Loads consisting wholly of, or containing bulk portions of these materials, will be regarded as Difficult or Offensive Wastes.

Conditions for Disposal

1. Difficult or Offensive Waste loads must be booked in for disposal by contacting the Centre office before 3.30pm on the last weekday prior to the disposal date. To make bookings, please phone 02 4985 6600 between 8.30am and 3.30pm Monday-Friday. Bookings can be made up to a week in advance, and the Centre encourages as much advance notice as possible.
2. Difficult or Offensive Waste loads must be delivered to Summerhill between 7:30 and 12pm midday on weekdays.
3. Difficult or Offensive Waste loads will not be accepted on weekends, public holidays or after midday on weekdays.

Please note that additional, specific requirements apply for the disposal of **asbestos wastes, asbestos impacted soil, dusty waste, synthetic mineral fibre and classified waste**. These requirements are set out in specific fact sheets for those wastes. Please refer to those documents on the website for details.

Typical Difficult or Offensive Wastes

Wastes currently regarded as Difficult or Offensive Wastes at the Summerhill Waste Management Centre include (but are not limited to):

- Asbestos (please refer to specific Fact Sheet)
- Asbestos impacted soil
- Dusty loads (please refer to specific Fact Sheet)
- Treated medical waste
- Sewage screenings or grit
- Grain
- Potentially offensive foodstuffs (eg bulk loads of egg or dairy products or spoiled food)
- Quarantine wastes (in extraordinary situations with EPA approval)
- Dead Animals (bulk loads or large animals)
- Wastes requiring immediate secure burial or secure destruction.