

OVERVIEW

This Safety Practice describes the environmental practice for Perkins Builders to manage waste from construction and offices

RESPONSIBILITIES

Project Manager	Ensure waste management requirements are considered during project planning and that adequate resources are provided to minimise waste and maximise recycling and reuse opportunities.
Site Manager / Supervisor	Implement waste management controls on site, including waste segregation, storage, recycling, and disposal. Ensure prescribed waste is identified and managed in accordance with legislative requirements and project plans.
HSEQ Team	Provide advice on waste management requirements, including prescribed waste, environmental compliance, and Waste Management Plans where required. Support inspections, audits, and incident investigations.
Workers, Subcontractors and Plant Operators	Comply with site waste management requirements, correctly segregate and dispose of waste, minimise waste generation where practicable, and report spills, contamination, or environmental incidents immediately.

1. PERSONNEL AWARENESS

Guidance:

The Site Manager is responsible to ensure that the material (liquid or solid) which falls into the category of prescribed waste (refer to EPA Publications). Note that some waste oils and organic solvents can be recycled or reclaimed.

The Site Manager and HSE Team shall assess if the activity that is involved, is going to be a regulated process that the company will carry out. If so, we will develop a Work Instruction to control the complete process, within the regulations.

If the activity is not expected to occur again then the Site Manager shall consider the opportunity to subcontract the works to an experienced, qualified, & competent operator or to get specialised advice and supervision to enable our own workers to dispose of the waste correctly.

A Waste Management Plan may be developed for a specific project where deemed necessary by Management, the Project Team and or the Client. Where a Waste Management Plan exists, all waste shall be managed in accordance with such.

2. PRESCRIBED WASTE

Guidance:

Prescribed wastes include asbestos (all chemical forms), low level contaminated soil, contaminated soil and water, oils, containers and bags containing hazardous compounds, detergents, paint sludge's and residues, pesticides etc.

Upon notification or identification of contaminated soil within the confines of the project site, the HSE Team and Project Manager will manage the contaminated soil in accordance with [90.02.19 Asbestos or \(ACM\) Management Safety Practice.pdf](#).

The disposal/management of this type of waste will be outsourced to an experienced, qualified, & competent operator as indicated by [90.02.19 Asbestos or \(ACM\) Management Safety Practice.pdf](#).

3. RECYCLING & RE-USE

Guidance:

Waste Project Recycling:

Wherever possible, materials that are removed from the demolition or construction site shall be assessed for:

- Use within the project/on other projects the company is involved in.
- Sale to other companies for their use or
- Use by others to turn into useable materials.

The Site Manager will assess the recycling possibilities on each project. Solid waste will be segregated into oily, recyclable and general waste. Where this is deemed not practical due to physical space requirements on site or unviable low volumes, the preferred option will be to engage waste disposal contractors that provide sorting, segregation, and recycling options.

Office Recycling:

Wherever possible Office based personnel will review the opportunities to recycle paper products from the office environment. Recycling bins will be made available.

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Excavated Material:

If excavated material is not deemed a prescribed waste, disposal methods shall give consideration to recycling on other sites or beneficially re-used as landfill top cover.

4. WASTE MINIMISATION

Guidance:

Preventative Control Measures

Assess, develop and implement purchasing, handling and work practices that:

- Control quality of materials supplied to site to reduce rework and problems due to quality.
- Order materials in appropriate quantities and sizes to reduce the amount of waste and cost through unnecessary purchase.
- Investigate product substitution for recycled materials if the quality and cost is comparable.
- Try to reduce the amount of packaging which arrives on site by requesting that the supplier takes responsibility for packaging waste by providing take back options and/or reducing the amount of unnecessary packaging.
- Where excess material is present on site assess re-use options on other sites or store for future use. Developing and issuing a regularly updated asset register will identify what materials are available in storage.
- Identify areas where cleaner production could be implemented. (i.e. protection of stormwater pits once installed to prevent the pits from having to be cleaned out prior to handover,
- Reduce the amount of re-work by better supervision of own work e.g., accuracy of final asphalt levels, compaction of pavement).
- Minimise the damage to constructed works by others and possibly by our own continuing work.
- Minimise loss of efforts due to weather.

LINK TO SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- [45 - Environmental Management.pdf](#)
- [90.02.19 Asbestos or \(ACM\) Management Safety Practice.pdf](#)

REFERENCES

- *Work Health and Safety Act 2020*
- *Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022*
- *Code of Practice: How to Manage and Control Asbestos in the Workplace 2022*
- *Code of Practice: How to Safely Remove Asbestos 2022*