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Kangaroo Island asbestos management

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Kangaroo Island properties receiving treatment to manage asbestos

The first properties on Kangaroo Island identified as having asbestos present are being treated from today by South Australian Government waste management contractors. The treatment will incur no cost to affected residents.

Local community members were informed on Thursday night about the treatment at a community meeting held at the Parndana Sports Club. Local Recovery Coordinator, Mike Williams, explained the process and encouraged locals to register their waste needs through the Green Industries SA website, or through the Kangaroo Island Resource Recovery Centre on the North Coast Road.

Since the fires, the CFS, SA Police and trained assessors have visited properties within the fire area to assess damage and identify areas of concern, such as sites containing asbestos.

Sites containing asbestos are a priority for waste management on the island, and will be sprayed with a non-hazardous chemical to reduce environmental and health impacts in the community. This treatment is called *Vital Bon-Matt Stonewall* or 'Stonewall' for short.

Stonewall forms a crust to capture fine particles that may contain asbestos dust. It can be sprayed over any waste potentially containing asbestos until the material can be safely recovered and transported to landfill.

Stonewall is:

- an odourless gel with a greenish tinge that is sprayed over waste material
- not hazardous
- only applied by approved South Australian Government contractors.

Residents are advised to not disturb any materials suspected of containing asbestos. They are also advised to avoid any properties and materials that have been sprayed with Stonewall to preserve the crust and its efficacy.

If Stonewall is applied to a property, an easily identifiable marker peg will be placed at the property entrance. These pegs must not be removed by residents. Residents should avoid contact with such sites, and also avoid materials suspected of containing asbestos. The peg will be removed once asbestos removal has taken place.

Individual insurance providers will be able to advise residents when removal of asbestos from affected properties can be coordinated.

If anyone affected by the Kangaroo Island fire suspects their property contains asbestos, contact the EPA Hotline on (08) 7071 3723 to report your property or register through www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/register-your-waste-needs

More information



You can find a list of licensed asbestos inspectors and removalists on the GISA website, www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/useful-contacts or by calling the EPA Hotline, [08 7071 3723](tel:0870713723).

For more details, contact Green Industries SA or visit greenindustries.sa.gov.au/bushfires