



Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

NT Waste Away – Waste Transport Operations (Darwin Region)

1. Purpose

This Environmental Management Plan outlines how NT Waste Away manages environmental risks associated with its waste transport services. It reflects our commitment to operating safely and responsibly within the Northern Territory and prepares us for future licensed activity, including regulated waste transport such as asbestos.

2. Scope

This plan applies to all general waste collection and transport services currently carried out by NT Waste Away in Darwin and surrounding areas. It also includes intended risk controls for future handling of regulated waste materials, which will only commence once appropriate licensing is granted.

3. Key Environmental Risks and Controls

Vehicle emissions

Risk: Diesel trucks release exhaust that contributes to air pollution and carbon emissions.

Controls: Vehicles are regularly maintained for clean operation. Routes are planned to reduce fuel use and time on the road. Drivers are trained to operate efficiently.

Dust and debris loss

Risk: Dry-season wind and loose loads may result in dust and litter escaping during transport.

Controls: All bins are enclosed or securely tarped before departure. Dusty material is dampened when needed. Loading and tipping are only done at approved facilities.

Spills and leakage

Risk: Waste materials could leak or fall from vehicles during transit, especially in wet or rough conditions.

Controls: Loads are checked and sealed before every job. Spill kits are kept in all vehicles and drivers are trained to respond quickly and report any incidents.

Handling of regulated waste

Risk: Asbestos and other regulated materials must be handled carefully to avoid contamination or harm.

Controls: Regulated waste is handled only by trained staff using sealed, clearly marked containers. All material is delivered to approved sites with full documentation.

Stormwater contamination

Risk: In the wet season, waste runoff could enter drains or waterways.

Controls: Loading is only done on hardstand or sealed surfaces. No bins are left near drains. Any discharge is contained, cleaned, and reported.

Noise impacts

Risk: Early morning operations or activity in residential areas can disturb the public.



Controls: Work is scheduled during business hours whenever possible. Vehicles are kept in good mechanical condition. Drivers are briefed to minimise noise when near homes.

Climate and equipment stress

Risk: High heat, humidity, and seasonal storms in Darwin increase the chance of equipment failure.

Controls: Vehicles are checked daily with special attention to tyres, coolant, and electrical systems. Regional jobs include extra coolant and working comms. Hauls are rescheduled during extreme weather.

4. Procedures

All drivers complete a pre-start check before every shift. Waste loads are inspected and secured. Waste is only transported to licensed landfills or depots. Any environmental issues or spills are dealt with immediately and logged. Regulated waste will not be handled unless and until the proper license is granted and systems are in place.

5. Monitoring and review

Vehicle logs, training records, and spill reports are reviewed monthly. This plan is reviewed every 12 months, or immediately after any incident or major operational change.

6. Roles and responsibilities

The Director oversees compliance and ensures this plan is followed. The Operations Manager handles monitoring, training, and equipment checks. Drivers are responsible for carrying out procedures, identifying risks, and reporting any problems on the job.