

Community Cyclone Information Update

TC SEROJA, 16 APRIL 2021, Time 0900HRS

Incident Status

Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja crossed the coast between Kalbarri and Geraldton Sunday evening. Damage near the track extended well inland

- Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja crossed the coast as a category 3 cyclone Sunday evening
- No further severe weather from this system is expected, but the impact has been significant and will be ongoing
- The incident has significantly affected the following areas:

City of Greater Geraldton	Shire of Northampton
Shire of Three Springs	Shire of Carnamah
Shire of Mingenew	Shire of Chapman Valley
Shire of Perenjori	Shire of Mullewa
Shire of Morawa	

Significant power outages across all LG's within the Midwest Gascoyne region, with restoration work in progress by Western Power, Telstra and other key stakeholders.

Communication networks and fuel supplies have been significantly impacted across the region by the power outages.

Number of Properties Impacted

Overarching residential and business damage numbers across the Midwest Gascoyne:

- o 15 totally damaged or destroyed
- o 155 severely damaged
- o 163 moderately damaged
- o 328 slightly damaged

Our Rapid Damage Teams still have just over 250 properties to be assessed and the numbers of those damaged will continue to change as those assessments are completed.

If you need support

- Department of Communities has advised a Recovery Centre will be open at the Kalbarri Golf Club (Haselby Street, Kalbarri) from 9am on Friday 16 April. Representatives from relevant support agencies will be in attendance to help people access the support they need. All queries are to be directed to the Department of Communities.
- Emergency assistance may be available for individuals or families to alleviate the personal hardship or distress arising as a direct result of Tropical Cyclone Seroja.
- If you require assistance or further information, phone the Department of Communities' Disaster Response Hotline on 1800 032 965.
- The Australian Government is providing financial support to those directly affected. Go to the Services Australia website for more information.

Road Closures

The following roads are **CLOSED**:

- Ajana-Kalbarri Road from North West Coastal Highway to Kalbarri
- George Grey Drive/Red Bluff Road from Port Gregory to Kalbarri
- Mullewa Wubin Road from Crossing Road to Carnamah-Perenjori Road

Never drive into water of unknown depth and current.

Road information may also be available from Main Roads WA by visiting travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au, calling 138 138 or by contacting your Local Government Authority.

Community meetings

A community meeting for the people of Perenjori will be held today, Friday 16 April at 12pm. The venue has not yet been confirmed but will be announced as soon as possible.

Restricted Access Permits

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Restricted Access Permits will be available on Friday 16 April, for issue to local residents only for entry into Kalbarri via Ajana-Kalbarri Road and George Grey Drive/Red Bluff Road.

Restricted Access Permits will be issued at the following locations:

- Northampton Police Station, 258 Northampton Road, Northampton between 8am to 4pm.
- Kalbarri Police Station, 48 Grey Street, Kalbarri between 7am to midday.

Residents need to bring the following items:

- Valid identification (e.g. Drivers licence)
- Evidence of being a local resident

Requirements when using a Restricted Access Permit:

- The Restricted Access Permits must be carried at all times whilst in Kalbarri.
- Each person travelling in a vehicle must show an identification at the checkpoints as proof of being a local resident.

For more information visit the Restricted Access Permits section of the DFES website.

Weather Outlook

- The Forecast for the region for the rest of today is Mostly sunny. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h becoming light in the early afternoon then becoming east to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the late evening. Daytime maximum temperatures 25 to 30.

- Tomorrow's forecast is:

Mostly sunny. Winds easterly 15 to 25 km/h turning southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the evening. Overnight temperatures falling to between 13 and 17 with daytime temperatures reaching 26 to 31.

- For more weather information go to Bureau of Meteorology website: www.bom.gov.au

What DFES is doing

- We continue to update Emergency WA with the latest information.
- SES crews have completed close to half of the requests for assistance as a result of Seroja.
- There are still approximately 220 that are being worked through.
- We ask the community to remain patient however if they have still not reported their damage and require assistance please do not hesitate to call 132 500.
- There is close to 500 emergency services personnel including volunteers and DFES staff in the region.
- The Australian Defence Force has 55 ground support members working at cleaning up and removing debris.
- DFES will continue to hold community meetings.
- For those who need immediate financial assistance or crisis accommodation support please call 1800 032 965.

Current Warnings

- Cyclone All Clear with Caution was issued at 0958AM on the 15 April 2021
- Updates will be issued as further information becomes available

KEEP UP TO DATE:

Visit www.emergency.wa.gov.au, call 13 DFES (13 3337), follow DFES on Twitter: twitter.com/dfes_wa, Facebook: facebook.com/dfeswa/, listen to ABC Local Radio, or news bulletins.

During a power outage, your home phone, computer or other electronic devices connected to the NBN will not work. Include a battery powered radio in your emergency kit.

Access local ABC radio on the following frequencies:

- Dalwallinu 531
- Geraldton 828
- Kalbarri 106.1 FM
- Mt Magnet 105.7

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Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) is a one-off payment to help you if you're significantly affected by a declared disaster. It's not for minor damage or inconvenience.



How much you can get

If you're eligible you'll get:

- \$1,000 per adult
- \$400 for each child younger than 16.



Who can get it

To get AGDRP you must:

- be an Australian resident or hold an eligible visa
- be 16 years or older at the time of the disaster or getting a social security payment
- meet Local Government Area (LGA) eligibility requirements.

You must also have been adversely affected by a declared disaster. For example:

- you were seriously injured
- you're the immediate family member of an Australian citizen or resident who died or is missing
- the disaster destroyed your principal place of residence or it must be demolished
- there's been major damage to the interior of your principal place of residence
- the disaster has exposed the interior of your principal place of residence to the elements
- your principal place of residence has been declared structurally unsound
- sewage has contaminated the interior of your residence

- the disaster has destroyed or damaged a major asset or assets you own at your principal place of residence
- you're the principal carer of a dependent child who has experienced any of the above.



Definitions

- Your principal place of residence is the main place where you have a right or license to normally live. It doesn't include holiday homes or investment properties.
- A major asset is an asset or assets with a combined market value of \$20,000 or more. For example, this includes buildings, vehicles, caravans, water tanks or large scale machinery.
- You're a principal carer of a child if the child is your dependent and hasn't turned 16. The principal carer must have legal responsibility for the day-to-day care, welfare and development of the child.



How to claim

The fastest way to claim is to call **180 22 66**.

If you're a member of a couple, you can both claim this payment. You and your partner must make separate claims.

Go to servicessaustralia.gov.au/disaster for more information. This includes:

- claiming options
- eligible LGAs
- how to access our services.



Disaster Recovery Allowance

Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA) is a short term payment to help you if you lose income as a direct result of a declared disaster.

You can get it for up to 13 weeks, starting from the date you lose income.

The maximum payment rate is the same as JobSeeker Payment or Youth Allowance, based on your circumstances.



Who can get it

To get DRA you must meet all of the following. You:

- were 16 years or older at the time of the disaster
- are an Australian resident or hold an eligible visa
- work or live in an affected Local Government Area (LGA)
- lose income as a direct result of the disaster
- earn less than the average weekly income in the weeks after you had your income loss.

If you're 16 – 21 years old, you must be independent.

We use Australian Bureau of Statistics figures to work out average weekly income.

A direct result of the disaster can include the following:

- your workplace has closed due to damage from the disaster
- road closures stopped you getting to work.

It doesn't include a general downturn in business following an event.



What evidence you need

We'll ask you to give us evidence of your loss of income.

If you earn a salary or wage we'll ask you for documents that show your income for the 4 weeks before the disaster.

If your income changes each week we'll ask you to show your income for the 8 weeks before the disaster.

Evidence can include:

- pay slips from your employer
- bank statements showing previous bank deposits from your employer
- a letter from your employer.

If you're a farmer or you have a small business we'll ask you to show us as many of these documents as possible:

- profit and loss statements
- income tax returns
- other documents that show cash flow such as a bank statement for your business
- trust or partnership tax return.

Speak to us if you don't have this evidence.





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Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/disaster for more information. This includes:

- eligible LGAs
- claiming options
- how to access our services
- who we consider to be independent
- how we calculate average weekly income.



How to manage your payment

If you get DRA you must tell us about any changes in your circumstances. This includes if you earn more than or the same as the average weekly income while you get DRA.

Health

The following information is provided by the DFES Incident Management Team on behalf of the Department of Health WA.

Information current as at 10.00AM on 16 April 2021.

After a cyclone it is important to be aware of a range of hazards that may be present in and around your home and the local community. The immediate risks include damaged or downed power lines and unstable structures.

Other risks also include asbestos damage, displaced chemicals, unsafe food due to power outages, damaged wastewater systems and increased mosquito activity. See below for more information on these risks.

Asbestos:

- Broken asbestos sheets and material containing asbestos presents a hazard but NOT an immediate health risk. Nevertheless owners must take precautions to protect themselves and not to break-up and spread asbestos material when returning to their property.
- If in doubt, treat the material as asbestos.
- Professional asbestos removalist will need to be engaged to assess and remediate to ensure asbestos containing material has been removed even for those properties where the owners may have acted on their own.
- If the asbestos appears brittle, you need to leave it alone.

Displaced chemicals:

After a cyclone dangerous goods may be moved or damaged including:

- gas cylinders
- containers of corrosives
- oils
- pesticides
- pool chemicals
- industrial chemicals.
- Extreme care must be taken when handling any spills or containers of suspected poisons, chemicals or pesticides, especially if containers are damaged.
- When handling dangerous goods wear personal protective equipment such as chemical resistant gloves, protective eye-wear, enclosed footwear, long-sleeved shirts and trousers and a respirator.
- Ensure that if you are handling drums you work up-wind and in open areas.
- Generators and other fuel-powered equipment should stay outdoors or be placed in a well-ventilated area to prevent the build-up of contaminant exhaust gases such as carbon monoxide.
- Try to identify chemicals and their hazards using labels and markings. If the label has been removed, seek expert advice and chemical identification from a waste management consultant.



- Separate chemicals from general waste, while identifying whether the container is damaged or not and if there is the risk of any chemical reactions. For example, oils and dry pool chlorine may cause a fire if brought together.
- Take precautions to protect the area from further damage during the clean-up.

Unsafe food due to power outages:

If in doubt, throw it out.

- When disasters cause the power to go out, it generally means the food in your fridge will start to go off.
- Unless cold storage (below 4°C) is available within 2 hours of a power cut, all potentially hazardous foods like cheese that are typically stored in the fridge need to be placed in alternative cold storage, eaten immediately or disposed of.
- Where larger quantities have to be disposed of such as for restaurants or cafes, contact the Environmental Health Services at your local government. Without correct disposal, fly breeding may result and increase the risk of the spread of infectious diseases.

Damaged septic tanks:

- Only trained specialists are suitably equipped to clean or repair onsite waste disposal systems.
- This is because tanks may contain dangerous gases and other harmful materials.
- Contact your local authority environmental health officer for a list of wastewater disposal system contractors who work in your area.
- Assume anything touched by wastewater is contaminated.
- Wash your hands and affected areas of the body thoroughly with clean warm water and soap, especially before eating.
- Immediately wash and disinfect any wounds that come into contact with wastewater.
- Change out of dirty clothes and wash clothes separately.
- Clean and dry dirty footwear.
- Contact your doctor immediately if you experience any illness.

Increased mosquito activity:

- Stagnant water provides an excellent breeding ground for mosquitoes increasing the risk of mosquito-borne diseases such as Ross River virus (RRV) and Barmah Forest virus (BFV).
- Prevent mosquito bites by covering up with long, loose fitting clothing and use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) or picaridin.

More information:

When internet access becomes available, please find the latest information at https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Hazards-after-cyclones-and-floods



Water

The following information is provided by the DFES Incident Management Team on behalf of Water Corporation WA.

Information current as at: 10.00AM on 16 April 2021.

Water Corporation can confirm that currently no widespread water outages are expected in Geraldton.

While our crews work round the clock to restore services impacted by Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seroja, there may be some localised temporary water outages or low water pressure due to infrastructure damage or power outages affecting our equipment and systems.

Stormwater inundation and widespread power outages have resulted in some confirmed overflows from wastewater pump stations in Geraldton.

If any remaining wastewater or residuals are present, assume it is contaminated and avoid contact with it, as it may contain harmful bacteria.

If exposed to any wastewater, basic hygiene practices include:

- Wash your hands and affected areas of the body thoroughly with clean warm water and soap, especially before eating.
- Immediately wash and disinfect any wounds that come into contact with wastewater.
- Change out of dirty clothes and wash clothes separately.
- Clean and dry dirty footwear.
- Contact your doctor immediately if you experience any illness.

Water Corporation is working to minimise any possible impacts to customers in the Mid West, while we continue to assess the full impact on our water and wastewater network.

We thank the community for their patience and support.

Information on any water outages is available on Water Corporation's outages page and customers are encouraged to report any water or wastewater faults to our 24-hour Operations Centre on 13 13 75.

More information:

When internet access becomes available, please find the latest information at <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/Outages-and-works>



Power

The following information is provided by the DFES Incident Management Team on behalf of Western Power.

Information current as at 6.00AM on Friday 16 April 2021

Approximately 5800 homes and businesses remain without power in a number of locations throughout the Midwest and Wheatbelt.

Power has been restored to more than 26,000 customers who have been impacted by Cyclone Seroja.

Currently power to Geraldton is being supplied directly from the Mungarra power station and we are hoping to reconnect to the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) on the weekend.

Patrols have found significant damage on the network supplying Morawa. Crews have been dispatched to clean up hazards in preparation for deploying a generator

As the storm damaged area was more than 700km long and 150km wide, we know repair and restoration will be significant.

Known damage to the network includes 130 transmission poles and 80 feeders with helicopter patrols identifying damage to 126 distribution poles between Geraldton and Kalbarri and 100 poles between Geraldton and Northampton.

We have a large number of crews, more than 150 employees, on the ground in Kalbarri, Northampton, Horrocks, and Port Gregory and we're currently establishing a temporary depot in Kalbarri. The depot will house the necessary equipment for repair and restoration, as well as provide a base for our employees involved on the ground.

We're working steadily to restore power but anticipate that some areas in the northern and eastern regions will be without power for weeks. Please be assured we're working alongside emergency services and other State Government agencies to ensure the community has safe access to power as soon as possible.

Our Community Engagement teams are in place and attending local meetings to assist directly with impacted residents and to provide progress updates for local and wholistic response.

If you see a downed powerline or damaged electrical asset, stay at least 8 metres clear and call 13 13 51 to report the hazard to Western Power.

Underpinning all our efforts is the safety of the community and our employees.



Emergency response generators

All of Western Power's existing emergency response generators have been deployed, some of which were already in the region:

Mullewa – generator has been providing power to the town since Monday evening.
Kalbarri – the generator there is intact, but the distribution network is unable to be connected at present. We're working on smaller power configurations to directly generate parts of Kalbarri and Northampton

We're currently assessing generators that have been supplying locations in Geraldton town site for potential redeployment to the area north of Geraldton.

City of Greater Geraldton

Power has been restored to a further 5,715 properties and businesses across Geraldton, Dongara and Port Denison.

We're continuing to work towards reenergizing the areas of Waggrakine, Rangeway, Drummond Cove, Spalding and Webberton.

Mullewa - power is being supplied by the emergency response generator.

North of Geraldton

Crews continue to be on the ground in Kalbarri, Northampton, Horrocks and Port Gregory to assess damage and make hazards safe.

Power has been restored to Ballidu.

In Horrocks, a generator has been provided to provide power to the local general store

We're continuing to patrol the network from the air (using helicopters) in addition to ground crews in the storm damaged area. Construction is in progress to restore lines between Three Springs and Mumbida, which is expected to be completed by the weekend.

The generator (HV generator) is intact, but the distribution network is unable to be connected at present. However, we're working on smaller power configurations to directly generate parts of Kalbarri and Northampton.

A generator has been deployed to provide power to part of Yuna.

Central / Eastern Wheatbelt

Our crews are continuing to clear hazards and patrol lines.

Towns restored include Mukinbudin, Bencubbin, Goomalling, Merredin and Kalannie.

Crews are on the ground in Mingenew as there are a number of hazards, including poles and wires down.

Patrols are being conducted in Morawa and Perenjori.



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Out of Northam, all six main lines have been patrolled and 138 damaged poles identified. 57 poles have been replaced, 18 underway, with 67 remaining.

Important community information

Our thoughts continue to be with people whose homes and businesses have been damaged.

Members of the community who are dependent on life-support equipment need to make sure their backup support plan has been activated, including being prepared to leave your home if an extended outage is expected.

As people venture out from their homes and into the community, they should take care to stay at least 8 metres away from fallen powerlines.

If you see a downed powerline or damaged electrical asset, stay at least 8 metres clear and call 13 13 51 to report the hazard to us.

Personal generators

We understand that some people may wish to connect generators to their homes. You should only do this if it's safe for you, the community, and our crews. Please visit our webpage for information on this.

The network has sustained significant damage as a result of Cyclone Seroja, and in some areas it may take days to restore power.

If your property has not been damaged, generators can be used as long as:

- They're being used according to manufacturers' guidelines
- The cord and generator are within specifications
- They're connected legally (changeover switch installed)
- Used in accordance to Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) directions.
- They are exhausted to open air

Before you connect a generator, contact your local electrical contractor or Building and Energy on 1300 489 099.

More information:

When internet access becomes available, please find the latest information at <https://www.westernpower.com.au/community/news-opinion/cyclone-seroja-power-supply-updates/>



Education

The following information is provided by the DFES Incident Management Team on behalf of the Department of Education.

Information current as at: 10.00AM on 16 April 2021.

Information for parents and school communities

Many of our staff, students and their families have been impacted by Cyclone Seroja.

The safety and wellbeing of staff and students is always our priority and we are working closely with Department of Fire and Emergency Services to ensure their safety.

We acknowledge that we may have families who have lost or had significant damage to their homes, and we are here to help support them through this.

Parents seeking information regarding their children's education can phone 1800 882 345 (open daily including weekends 8.00am to 8.00pm).

Term 2 schooling arrangements

Principals will contact parents/carers regarding arrangements for starting Term 2.

Schools ready to open

41 schools have been cleared of cyclone damage following Cyclone Seroja. Of these, 38 schools are ready to welcome back students for the start of Term 2. We are seeking temporary solutions for three schools that remain without power.

The following list will be updated as new information becomes available.

Cleared of damage, but currently without power

- Chapman Valley Primary School
- Morawa District High School
- Northampton District High School

Ready to open for Term 2

- Allendale Primary School
- Badgingarra Primary School
- Beachlands Primary School
- Bluff Point Primary School
- Carnamah District High School
- Central Midlands Senior High School
- Cervantes Primary School
- Champion Bay Senior High School
- Coorow Primary School



- Dalwallinu District High School
- Dandaragan Primary School
- Dongara District High School
- Eneabba Primary School
- Geraldton Primary School
- Geraldton Residential College
- Geraldton Senior High School
- Holland Street School
- Jurien Bay District High School
- Kalannie Primary School
- Lancelin Primary School
- Leeman Primary School
- Meekatharra School Of The Air
- Miling Primary School
- Mingenew Primary School
- Moora Primary School
- Moora Residential College
- Mount Tarcoola Primary School
- Mullewa District High School
- Rangeway Primary School
- Shark Bay School
- Useless Loop Primary School
- Waggrakine Primary School
- Walkaway Primary School
- Wandina Primary School
- Watheroo Primary School
- Wongan Hills District High School
- Yerecoin Primary School
- Yuna Primary School

More information:

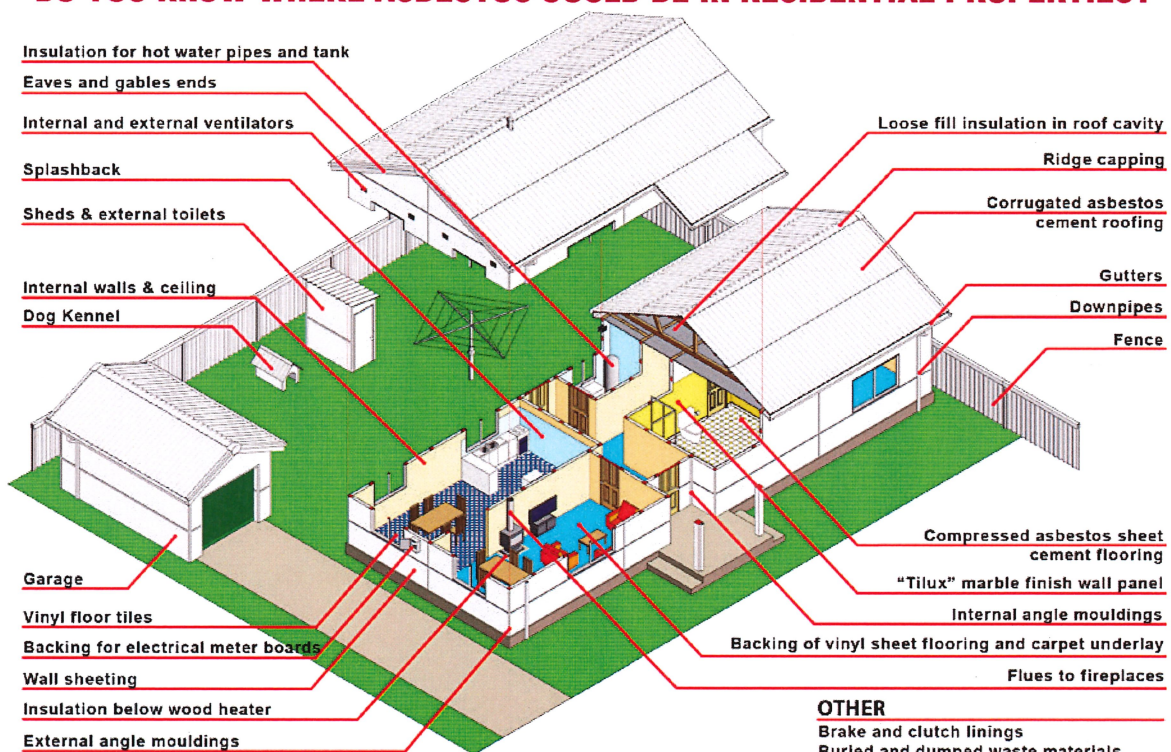
When internet access becomes available, please find the latest information at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/cyclone-seroja>





1 IN 3 AUSTRALIAN HOMES CONTAIN ASBESTOS!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE ASBESTOS COULD BE IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES?



STEPS FOR DECONTAMINATION

HOW TO SAFELY DOUBLE BAG AND SEAL ASBESTOS WASTE AND PPE

1. Carefully place asbestos materials in the 200um plastic bags or wrap using rolls of 200um plastic (drop sheets), seal using duct tape and label **'DANGER ASBESTOS WASTE'**.
2. Plastic bags containing asbestos should NOT be more than half full to prevent breaking and must be double bagged.
3. Tightly twist the bag opening and fold over to form a 'goose neck'.
4. Secure with heavy duty duct tape or similar to seal.
5. Place each sealed bag inside a second plastic bag labelled **'DANGER ASBESTOS WASTE'** and seal as you did the first bag with duct tape. This is called 'double bagging'.
6. If using rolls of 200um plastic, carefully wrap items and seal edges of plastic with duct tape. Repeat the process to double wrap materials.
7. Whether using bags or rolls of 200um plastic, all materials must be double wrapped or double bagged, sealed with duct tape and labelled **'DANGER ASBESTOS WASTE'**.

IMPORTANT

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE 'DOUBLE BAGGED' USING 200UM PLASTIC BAGS OR 'DOUBLE WRAPPED' USING 200UM PLASTIC ROLLS, SEALED WITH DUCT TAPE AND LABELLED 'DANGER ASBESTOS WASTE' BEFORE BEING REMOVED FROM THE WORK AREA FOR APPROPRIATE DISPOSAL.

YOU MUST CONTINUE TO WEAR YOUR PPE THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS.

REMOVE YOUR MASK LAST!

DECONTAMINATING THE WORK AREA

1. Carefully wrap plastic drop sheets and double bag or wrap.
2. Use wet wipes or wet disposable cloths to wipe away any dust from surfaces or tools.
 - Wet wipes/cloths should be used **ONCE ONLY**.
 - Wet wipes/cloths should be used flat (not wadded).
 - If using cloths, use the bucket of water to wet cloths before use.
 - Never rinse cloths in water and reuse.
 - After use, wet wipes or cloths must be double bagged or double wrapped and seal with duct tape.
3. Carefully wet wipe surfaces and all hand tools or equipment including the bucket. If tools aren't able to be decontaminated they should be discarded as 'ASBESTOS WASTE' or double bagged for later use but **ONLY** when wearing PPE.
4. Wet wipe the outside of bags before removing bags from the work area.

PERSONAL DECONTAMINATION

1. Remove any visible asbestos dust from protective clothing by wet wiping with clean, wet wipes/cloths and place a 200um plastic bag.
2. Carefully remove shoe covers, gloves and coveralls and place in a 200um plastic bag.
3. Use wet wipes/cloths to wipe down footwear then place cloths in a plastic bag.
4. Wipe down the outside of all bags with wet wipes/cloths and place in a plastic bag.
5. Remove mask last and place in a 200um plastic bag and seal using the double bag method.
6. Remove old clothing and double bag as you did the other disposable items.
7. Seal all plastic bags using duct tape and the double bag method.
8. Wash hands, nails, face and head thoroughly with soapy water.
9. Shower and wash hair to complete personal decontamination.

IMPORTANT

WHEN DECONTAMINATING YOURSELF, ALL ITEMS MUST BE DOUBLE BAGGED, SEALED WITH DUCT TAPE AND DISPOSED OF AS ASBESTOS WASTE AS PER THE ABOVE.

SAFE DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS WASTE - Whatever you do, DON'T dump it!

- It is **IMPORTANT** that ALL PPE and materials used when removing or repairing asbestos are disposed of as ASBESTOS WASTE.
- Not all waste centres accept asbestos waste. Check with Council for your nearest authorised asbestos waste disposal centre.

Department of Health – Cyclone Seroja Storm damage – April 2021

Asbestos on my property – what should I do

You may have damaged asbestos on your property. This will mostly be broken pieces of asbestos sheeting (fences, walls, eaves). The asbestos in these broken sheets will still be 'bonded'. That is, the fibres will be held together in the cement matrix so they won't be easily released. **Therefore, they present a very low risk for exposure unless you start to break them further.**

The authorities are organising specialised asbestos removalists for asbestos clean-up, so you don't have to touch it. However, if you want to clean-up and remove the bonded asbestos sheets and fragments on your property you can do this if you follow the precautions below. **If the asbestos can be easily broken when you touch you need to leave it alone. This means it is becoming friable and will require specialist removalists.**

Reasonable measures for cleaning bonded asbestos sheets and fragments:

1. Make sure you are wearing adequate personal protective clothing. This includes;
 - a. P2 or N95 mask
 - b. Disposable coveralls – if available or old clothes that can be disposed later
 - c. Gloves
 - d. Disposable shoe covers – if available or hard cover shoes that can be cleaned
2. Do not break or crush the asbestos when you are moving it.
3. Carefully place the asbestos material in 200um plastic bags (heavy duty) or wrap using rolls of 200um plastic.
4. If you are placing the asbestos in plastic bags they should NOT be more than half full. Tightly twist the bag opening and fold over to form a goose neck and secure with heavy duty duct. Finally place that bag inside another one (double bag), seal and label 'DANGER ASBESTOS WASTE'
5. If you are using rolls of black plastic make sure you only wrap the equivalent of a single fence sheet for each wrapping. Double wrap, seal with duct tape and label 'DANGER ASBESTOS WASTE'
6. Leave the wrapped asbestos at the front of your property and it will be collected

What is a restricted access area?

A restricted access area is a designated area within an incident area which authorised persons can enter for a period of time and for a specific purpose.

What is a restricted access permit?

A restricted access permit may be granted for valid reasons, such as residents, business owners or utility companies inspecting vital assets and property inside a restricted access area.

Restricted access permits are issued with specific conditions, such as the address authorised to visit, how long the permit is valid for and whether the permit holder can re-enter the area.

The permit can be a sticker to be placed on a vehicles' windscreen or a paper permit. The permit must be shown at vehicle control points along with a current identity document.

What is a vehicle control point?

Vehicle control points are locations near restricted access areas that allow permit holders entry to the area once their permit and identification have been validated. Restricted access area permits specify which vehicle control point the permit holder can enter the area through.

Where can I get a restricted access permit?

Restricted access permits are issued once the Incident Controller deems it safe for persons to enter a restricted access area.

Once deemed safe, a restricted access permit issuing unit is established in a suitable location, generally in a local community area.

To find out the location of the issuing unit for a specific incident, you will need to monitor the alerts and warnings issued by DFES.

Due to ever changing conditions and resource requirements during incidents, issuing restricted access permits may temporarily stop and your patience is appreciated in these situations.

Who can apply for a restricted access permit?

Permits may be issued to residents, business owners, utility companies or other approved persons to:

- enable them to activate their emergency plan;
- collect valuables and/or pets;
- transport various commodities such as milk, water, stock feed and store supplies;
- tend to livestock; or
- undertake other approved activities.

What documentation do I need to apply for a restricted access permit?

To be issued with a restricted access permit you must provide:

- valid identity documents that show the property address within the restricted access area. This can be in the form of a current drivers licence or other personal identity documents, such as a passport, along with proof of the affected address;
- vehicle details, including the make, model, colour and registration number; and
- your contact details.

If representing an organisation, you must provide your agency identification as well as contact and vehicle details.

What conditions apply to restricted access permits?

Permits may contain conditions to ensure the permit holders safety in the restricted access area. The conditions could include:

- time restrictions;
- speed restrictions;
- illumination of headlight requirements;
- access entry and exit points; and
- re-entry conditions.

Why was I denied a restricted access permit?

Restricted access permits may not be issued if the area you want to access has not been deemed safe for entry or you do not:

- meet the required criteria;
- have the necessary identification or contact details; or
- have sufficient access to communications, such as a mobile phone or radio that fire and emergency services can contact you on while you are inside the restricted access area.

What happens if I am denied a restricted access permit?

If you have been denied a restricted access area permit, you can make another permit request with the necessary information and documentation for your application to be reassessed.

What are the risks of entering a restricted access area?

Areas impacted by an incident can present many hazards to the community. Restricted access areas may have:

- fallen or falling trees;
- toxic or hazardous materials;
- energised power lines;
- fire or smoke; and
- stray animals.

It is the permit holder's responsibility to monitor the community alerts and warnings while in the restricted access area.

Where can I find more information?

For more information about restricted access permits visit:



www.dfes.wa.gov.au/permits

To find out the location of the issuing unit for a specific incident, you will need to monitor the alerts and warnings issued by DFES via:



www.emergency.wa.gov.au



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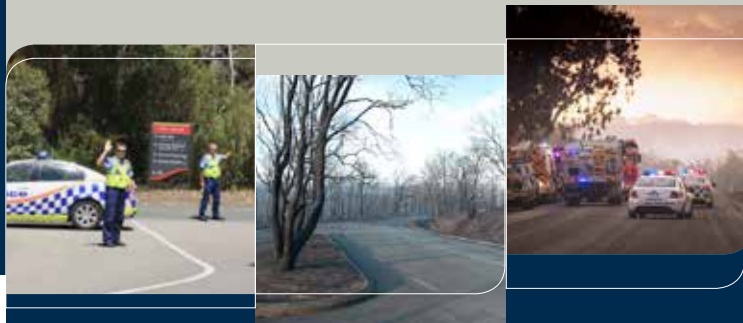
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To keep the community safe during and after emergencies, roads and access routes may be closed until the area is deemed safe.

