

Cleaning asbestos cement roofs

Fibro roofs (such as 'Super Six' and 'fibro cement') contain asbestos and must not be cleaned using a water blaster.



Cleaning a fibro roof with a high pressure water blaster is illegal as it can destroy the roof surface, cause cement debris and asbestos to spray into the air, and result in widespread contamination.

It is very difficult to contain asbestos fibres released during the process and very expensive to clean up. It puts you and your neighbours' health at risk.

Homeowners can be fined up to \$10,000 for water blasting a fibro roof, as well as any additional costs associated with clean-up. Businesses may face heavier fines.

Well maintained asbestos cement roofs are not a risk to human health unless they are physically disturbed or being worked on. They can be left alone until they are no longer watertight.

Instead of cleaning an asbestos cement roof, apply a fungicide or sealant or consider replacing it.

You can find out more about sealants and fungicides from your local roof restoration company, paint supplier or hardware store.

Further information

Visit asbestos.qld.gov.au or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

If you have concerns about asbestos related health issues, contact [Queensland Health](https://www.health.qld.gov.au) on 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).



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