



Transfer Station Odour Management June 2026

Auburn Transfer Station

Cleanaway transfer station

Transfer stations act as an intermediate hub in the waste management process. Local collection vehicles unload waste for sorting, compaction and reloading into larger vehicles. This improves operational efficiency, reduces traffic movements and supports resource recovery.

Odour control

Odour mitigation at Cleanaway's waste transfer stations employs a multi-layered approach, combining physical containment, advanced air treatment and source management. This comprehensive strategy effectively minimises odours while maintaining environmental standards. Cleanaway operational controls include:

- **Enclosed structures:** Waste tipping, sorting, and loading occur within sealed buildings, with sensor-equipped roll-a-doors installed to help contain odours more effectively
- **Rapid doors:** High-speed roller doors or air curtains are installed at vehicle entry and exit points to effectively limit the escape of odorous air
- **Leachate management:** Pumping out, aerating and treating pooling liquids and leachate to prevent the release of odour
- **Atomised misting systems:** High-pressure nozzles are installed in designated areas e.g. above active waste piles and around doors. They produce an ultra-fine fog of neutralising agents that bond with and neutralise odour-causing molecules on a molecular level
- **Operational controls:** Implementing strict "first-in, first-out" procedures to ensure that putrescible (organic) waste is promptly compacted, securely loaded onto trucks and transferred off-site in a timely manner
- **Routine cleaning:** Floors, push-walls and equipment are routinely cleaned with water and neutralising agents to prevent the accumulation of leachate and decaying matter

Odour monitoring

Cleanaway conducts daily inspections of the plant for odour and cleanliness, utilising advanced electronic monitoring devices to accurately identify relevant compounds.

In addition to Cleanaway's internal monitoring efforts, the business engages a third-party consultancy specialising in environmental compliance and air quality management. This consultancy is responsible for conducting comprehensive air monitoring activities from designated licensed emission points.

The consultant's role includes deploying advanced monitoring equipment, collecting precise emission data and performing detailed analyses to ensure that Cleanaway's operations adhere to all relevant environmental regulations and standards.

By outsourcing this function, Cleanaway enhances the objectivity and accuracy of emission assessments, proactively identifying any potential regulatory issues and demonstrating commitment to environmental stewardship.

NSW EPA also undertakes continuous air monitoring in the local area. Results of EPA's monitoring may be found by scanning the EPA QR code below or by visiting the EPA website.

For information on environmental reporting, you can visit the following resources:



cleanaway.com.au/environmental-management



epa.nsw.gov.au/Working-together/Community-engagement/updates/greater-sydney/sydney-olympic-park-odours

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Korean - "Cleanaway를 인용해 주세요."

Cantonese - 請說明「Cleanaway」。

Mandarin - 请说明“Cleanaway”。

Nepalese - कृपया "Cleanaway" कोट गर्नुहोला।

Tamil - தயவுசெய்து Cleanaway எனக் காறிப்பிடவும்