

● **RADIO SCRIPTS – HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE – REVISED 17 MARCH**
To run on 50/50 rotation

1. HEALTH ADVICE

The Chief Health Officer has lifted the temporary relocation advice, and people can now return to their homes and workplaces.

The EPA will continue to monitor air quality in the Latrobe Valley.

People aged 65 and over, children under school age, pregnant women, and anyone with an existing heart or lung condition should avoid cleaning up ash.

● The ash isn't toxic, but breathing in fine particles can aggravate heart or lung conditions.

For health information visit **health.vic.gov.au**.

[pronunciation: HEALTH DOT VIC DOT GOV DOT A – U]

For cleanup information, contact the Latrobe City Council on **1800 017 777**

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2. CLEANING UP ASH

● Before cleaning up ash, make sure you're properly prepared.

Material in the ash is similar to what is in the soil in your garden.

Ash can be dug into your garden, added to compost or placed in a plastic bag in your household garbage bin.

The ash isn't toxic, but breathing in fine particles can aggravate heart or lung conditions. It can also irritate eyes, skin and throat so follow the advice about cleaning up.

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