



TRADE WASTE

WHAT IS TRADE WASTE?

Trade Waste is all 'liquid waste', other than sewage of a domestic nature (hand washing, shower, toilet).

Liquid trade waste discharges to the sewerage system include liquid wastes from:

- business/commercial premises (eg. beautician, florist, hairdresser, hotel, motel, restaurant, butcher, service station, supermarket, dentist)
- community/public premises (including craft club, school, college, university, hospital and nursing home)
- industrial premises
- trade activities (eg. mobile carpet cleaner)
- any commercial activities carried out at a residential premises
- saleyards, racecourses stables and kennels that are not associated with domestic households
- septic tank waste, chemical toilet waste and established sites for the discharge of pan content from mobile homes/caravans to the sewerage system.

WHY DO I NEED TRADE WASTE APPROVAL?

Businesses who want to discharge liquid trade waste to the sewerage system, under section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993, must obtain prior approval from Council. Discharging liquid trade waste without an

approval is an offence under section 626 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Sewerage systems are generally designed to cater for waste from domestic sources that are essentially of predictable strength and quality.

Council **may** accept trade waste into its sewerage system as a service to businesses and industry.

Liquid trade waste may place significantly greater demands on sewerage systems than domestic sewage and, if uncontrolled, can pose serious problems to public health, worker safety, Council's sewerage system and the environment.

Managing liquid waste is important to our future. We can all play a part to ensure that our region remains a healthy place for everyone. We care about our local community and the environment.

HOW DO I OBTAIN TRADE WASTE APPROVAL?

To obtain approval you will be required to submit a Trade Waste Application to Council. You will need to pay a Trade Waste Application fee at this time.

Council's Compliance team is available to assist you with your application.

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Trade Waste Application Classification A or B, is for most low or medium risk businesses such as coffee shops, cafes, restaurants, bakeries, schools, vehicle washing, laundromats, veterinary and dental surgeries.

Trade Waste Application Classification S: This application is for discharges of septic, dump points, chemical toilet, pan or ship-to-shore pump outs.

Trade Waste Application Classification C (Large/Industrial), is for all trade waste dischargers who do not fall under the classification of A, B or S and are large industrial or high risk.

Council will review and assess your application within 40 days. We will contact you to discuss your application, collect additional information or arrange to meet you at your property if necessary.

Council will issue an approval outlining Council's terms and conditions. Council will send copies of all written approvals to the applicant **and** the property owner.

You must tell us if you change the business activities on your site or if you want to cancel your approval to discharge trade waste.

Your Trade Waste Approval lapses five (5) years after the date from which it was given. You will be notified when your renewal application is due.

Your Approval outlines the frequency your pre-treatment device must be cleaned and serviced by a licensed transporter.

PRE-TREATMENT DEVICES

Council's Trade Waste Policy lists certain prescribed standard pre-treatment equipment for a range of trade waste activities. Prior to submitting an application, advice may be required from a Trade Waste or hydraulic consultant in determining appropriate pre-treatment equipment.

Trade waste installation must meet regulatory requirements and specific business needs. Pre-treatment devices must be suitable for the type of waste being treated and the correct size.

Pre-treatment is the term used to describe any items of equipment you use on your site to treat trade wastewater before discharging it to our system.

Most commercial trade wastewater customers need to install and maintain pre-treatment items.

Pre-treatment devices must be installed by a licenced plumber in accordance with the Plumbing Code of Australia.

WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES?

Council's Revenue Policy details trade waste fees and charges including application fees, annual and trade waste usage charges. These charges are dependent on the trade waste classification and category of the business activities carried out at the premises.



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