

Liquid Trade Waste Discharge

Wastewater from some businesses can contain contaminants that could pose operational, environmental or safety risks to the community. Council's Trade Waste Policy manages those risks.

BUSINESS GROUP	ACTIVITIES
retail food	restaurants, take-away food outlets, function centres, hospital and nursing home kitchens, caterers, butchers, delicatessens and retail bakeries
automotive	service stations, panel beaters and spray painters, car detailers, mechanical workshops, car wash (hand wash and pressure spray), car wash <12kl/day, and auto recyclers
commercial laundries	laundromats, commercial laundries < 2 megalitres/year, hospitals, nursing homes and hotel laundries
photographic/medical	minilabs, medical facilities using x-rays, graphic arts and professional photographic laboratories
other	public swimming pools/aquatic centres, cooling tower and boiler blowdown, shopping centres with centralised pre-treatment

what is trade wastewater?

Trade wastewater includes:

- wastewater produced at industrial or commercial premises
- wastewater transported by vehicle, including septic effluent
- wastewater from ships and boats
- run-off from contaminated surface water, groundwater and substances stored on properties.

If you're discharging trade wastewater without Council approval, Council may disconnect the trade waste service and may also disconnect or restrict your water service.

requirements & conditions

Council's requirements and conditions for accepting trade wastewater helps to:

- protect people working in and around the wastewater system
- protect rivers, waterways and oceans from harmful discharges
- protect the wastewater system and treatment plants from damage
- produce good quality recycled water and biosolids
- encourage waste minimisation, cleaner production and water efficient practices.

relevant business activities

Commercial trade wastewater includes:

- greasy wastewater from commercial cooking
- contaminated wastewater from mechanical workshops, car washes, laundries and laboratories.

If your business process is listed in the table above you may discharge commercial trade wastewater (note: there may be other activities not included in this table).

if you discharge trade wastewater you must have Council's written approval

For a complete list of commercial trade wastewater processes, read Council's **Liquid Trade Waste policy**.

Further Information

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