

Trade Waste

Definition of trade waste: wastewater from business, trade or manufacturing premises, other than human waste or stormwater.

Certain prohibited substances may not be discharged to sewer. Trade Waste requirements are administered under the *Local Government Act 2009*, the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* and related Council policies.

Applying for approval to discharge waste

An application must be submitted to Council, and approval given, before a business may discharge trade waste from a property into sewer.

This allows Council to protect its sewer infrastructure, treatment plants, staff and the environment and to ensure equitable charging.

Refer to form [Application to Discharge Trade Waste into Sewer](#)

Conditions of approval

An approval will be issued to the property owner stating any terms and conditions. Acceptance of any waste is conditional on compliance with these conditions.

The property Owner is the approval holder and is primarily responsible for:

- applying for trade waste approvals
- ensuring compliance with conditions
- payment of charges; and
- advising Council of the closure of the business.

Contact details of the business are also required, to assist Councils day-to-day management.

Discharge categories

All trade waste accepted to sewer will be classified according to the following two categories.

Pre-treatment infrastructure

Some businesses require pre-treatment infrastructure to be installed. This will be stated in the approval, along with an maintenance or sampling requirements.

Typical maintenance requirements include regular pumping out of pre-treatment infrastructure:

Grease arrestor	1 to 13 weeks
Oil-water separator	13 weeks

Inspections

From time to time Council officers may conduct inspections of trade waste properties and businesses to check compliance with conditions of approval.

Parameter	Sewer Admission Limit
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅), mg/L	600
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), mg/L	1500
Total Suspended Solids, mg/L	600
Total Oil & Grease mg/L	200
Total Nitrogen, mg/L as N	150
Total Phosphorus, mg/L as P	50

Trade waste charging

Trade waste charges are included on the quarterly rates notice. There are two components to the trade waste charges, which are in addition to other wastewater charges.

The **Trade Waste Generator Charge** is a fixed annual charge for each generator to cover recurring administration and overhead costs associated with trade waste control. This charge is issued in advance at the start of each quarter.

The **Trade Waste Discharge Treatment Charge** is based on the volume and quality of wastewater and covers the cost of treating the water. This charge is issued in arrears based on recent meter readings.

The trade waste discharge volume is calculated from water consumption as read by the water meter, less allowances for human wastewater, and any applicable discharge factors. In some instances, Council may require the installation of a discharge meter.

High trade waste charges

If the trade waste discharge treatment charge is unusually high, it is most likely because the water consumption measured by the main water meter has increased (*if this is how trade waste charges are calculated*). If the cause of the high consumption is a concealed leak, the property owner may be eligible for a remission of trade waste charges.

Further information

Please refer to:

- [Has your water usage increased?](#) Fact Sheet
- [Trade Waste Water Leak Application](#) Form.

2020/2021 Financial Year	
Trade Waste Generator Charge	Charge
	\$426.04 per year charged at \$106.51 per quarter
Trade Waste Discharge Treatment Charge	Charge
Category 1	\$2.36 per kL
Category 2 High risk businesses	
Volume	\$2.36 per kL
Chemical Oxygen Demand COD	\$1.72 per kg
Total Suspended Solids TSS	\$0.78 per kg
Total Oil and Grease TOG	\$0.78 per kg
Total Phosphorus	\$7.16 per kg
Total Nitrogen	\$2.14 per kg
Constant 'd' for excess strength	0
Additional Charges	
Food waste disposal units based on power of motor	\$36.87