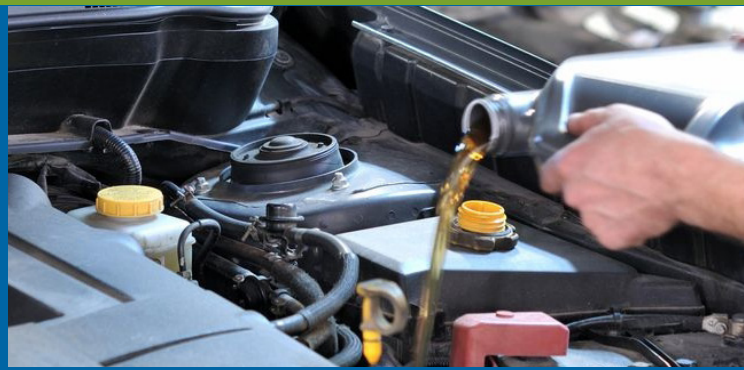


Redland City Council will determine the cleaning frequency of your pre-treatment equipment. A licensed liquid transporter must be engaged to pump and clean your equipment. If your business ceases operation or changes so that it no longer produces trade waste you must arrange for the trap to be cleaned by a licensed liquid waste transporter, then fill the trap with water if it is to be reused. By doing this the pH is kept to acceptable levels and the concrete in the tank will be preserved.

If the trap is not to be reused, then disconnect it from the sewer in accordance with plumbing rules. Notify Redland City Council of any changes.

### **Back-flow prevention**

To protect drinking water supplies, a backflow prevention device, such as an RPZ, must be fitted to the hose tap and be within three metres of the grease arrestor. RPZ valves are required to be tested annually.



## **Tips to save you money**

Cleaner production will save water and save costs as well as help to relieve stress on the wastewater system.

### **Tips for your food business**

- Educate your staff on what can and can't be put down the sink
- Wipe plates before washing.
- Use sink strainers
- Pour oil into containers for recycling
- Store oil in a bunded area
- Ensure no oil goes down the drain
- Use less detergent
- Sweep floors before washing

### **Tips for your automotive business**

Educate your staff to work correctly and safely in an environmentally responsible way

- Keep the site clean
- Clean up spills immediately
- Ensure no oil goes down the drain

**For more information  
contact Redland City Council  
on (07) 3829 8999 or visit  
[www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au)**

# **A guide to trade waste**

Trade waste is liquid waste produced by any commercial or industrial business, other than domestic wastewater and storm water.

Businesses that generate trade waste include restaurants, fast food outlets, bakeries, butchers, schools, commercial laundries, automotive industries and animal care.





# Trade waste approvals and categories

An approval must be obtained before discharging trade waste to sewer. For a trade waste discharge application visit [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) or phone (07) 3829 8999.

Your application will be assessed based on the risk to our wastewater workers, wastewater treatment plant and the environment.



We will also assess the quality and volume of your trade waste to categorise your business. The category will determine how you are charged for trade waste:

- **Category 1** is low strength trade waste, similar in strength to domestic wastewater, which is charged by volume.
- **Category 2** is higher than domestic strength trade waste and is charged by volume and quality.

There is also an annual fee for each trade waste generator, which is billed quarterly. Over strength charges may also apply.

Trade waste approvals are not transferable. When a business changes ownership the existing approval is terminated and the new owner must apply for a new approval. If the nature of your business changes that impacts quality of the trade waste as well as volume your approval should be reassessed. Please advise Council of any changes to your business.

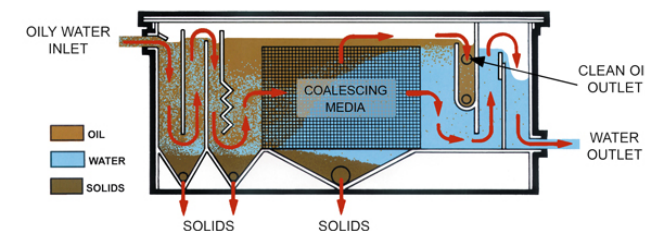
## Your responsibilities

As a trade waste generator you have the responsibility to manage your trade waste properly to assist Council protect public health, the wastewater system and our environment.

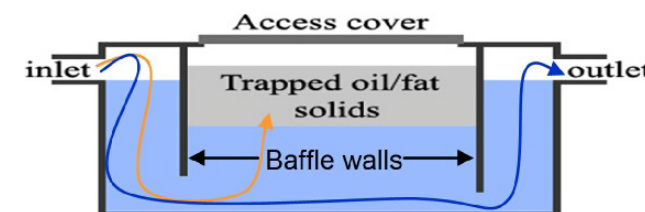
### Pre-treatment devices

All pre-treatment equipment must be an approved type and installed by a licensed plumber/drainer. The property owner is responsible for installing and maintaining trade waste pre-treatment devices and ensuring that equipment complies with approval conditions.

Grease arrestors, for example must be installed in an accessible position, preferably outside a building, and as close as practicable to the appliance or fixture the arrestor serves as well as the clean out for the arrestor must be accessible. Pump out dockets need to be kept on the business premises for inspection by Redland City Council.



Oil water separator



Grease Arrestor