

What is Trade Waste

The Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008 defines trade waste as:-

“The water-borne waste from business, trade or manufacturing premises, other than:

- a) *Waste that is a prohibited substance: or*
- b) *Human waste: or*
- c) *Stormwater”*

It is a legal requirement that all trade waste generators must:

Obtain a trade waste approval; and

Be subject to regular Audits from Trade Waste Officers who will advise on trade waste issues and ensure compliance under the Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008, Council’s Trade Waste Policy (TWP) and Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan (TWEMP).

Any business found not to be compliant with the relevant legislation and policy requirements will be granted a reasonable transition period to upgrade their present facility to meet the minimum standards.



The current minimum installation requirements for new business are:-

1. A Sub Water meter/s to measure all incoming water supplied to the Trade Waste process areas of the business. These meters are read 6 monthly for billing purposes.
2. A Cleaners Sink. This is a multi environmental sink for use in commercial business designed to discharge waste water from cleaning activities.
3. Screens to sinks and floor waste outlets.



Who Needs a Trade Waste Approval (But not limited to)

Generator/Source	Characteristics of Waste	General treatment requirements
Beauty Salons, including Pedicure/Manicure Tanning and Massage	Cotton buds, cotton balls, spray tanning solutions, massage oils, laundering	Screening at sink
Dental/Medical/Veterinary Surgeries	Solids (Amalgam) rinse water and spent, plaster, sanitising agents & x-ray development waste	Bottle trap & cleaners sink Plaster arrestor To sewer after silver recovery or collect fixer for recycling
Florist	Solids & water solutions	Screening at sink & floor waste
Hairdressing Salons	Cotton buds, cotton balls, hair, hair clips and pins.	Screening at sink and floor waste.
Hobby Clubs	Suspended solids	Dry basket arrestor ★ Plaster arrestor or under sink trap ★
Optician	Suspended solids	Bottle trap under sink
Pet Shop/ Grooming	Hair, suspended solids & insecticides	Screening at sink & floor waste and screening of hydro bath outlet
Photographic Waste including X-Ray	Rinse water and spent solutions	To sewer after silver recovery or collect fixer for recycling
School Lab Bio/Chemical School Arts, Crafts & Pottery	Acid/alkali/chemicals suspended solids	Sediment & neutralising trap

★ At the discretion of Trade Waste Officer

