

High Flow Low Concentration

Trade Waste Information Sheet

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 installations 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. Some businesses may require meters to be fitted to the discharge drain.
2. Screens on sinks and floor waste outlets.
3. An oily water separator ★
4. Appropriate size and type of pre-treatment specific to the generator waste stream.



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

Generator/Source	Characteristics of Waste	General treatment requirements
Commercial Swimming Pool Backwash Water	Backwash water containing solids & chemical solutions	A metering system on the discharge line; some require a holding tank that discharges during certain hours and has restricted flow rates *
Commercial Car Wash	Solids, oils & grease	Oily water separator, holding tanks which may include recycling
Laundromats	Silt & lint traps	Silt/lint trap *
Laundries	Lint, temperature	Cooling trap, lint screens

* To be assessed by Trade Waste Officer

