

Managing Trade Waste

Rockhampton Regional Council has a responsibility to manage trade waste under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act*.

Under this legislation, it is an offence to discharge trade waste to the sewage system unless a trade waste approval has been issued by Council.

Rockhampton Regional Council's Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan ensures trade waste is managed:

- in accordance with environmental sustainability principles;
- to comply with Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) licensing conditions;
- in a manner that safeguards public health;
- and in a manner that protects the community's sewage infrastructure.

Fitzroy River Water implements Council's trade waste responsibility through:

- receiving and processing trade waste approval applications;
- issuing trade waste approvals and renewals in accordance with adopted procedures where appropriate;
- monitoring trade waste generators' compliance with trade waste approvals;
- and responding to breaches of approvals as per Council policy and procedures.

Where can I get more information?

Trade Waste documents & assistance with trade waste questions is available from Fitzroy River Water:

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What is Trade Waste?

Trade waste is the liquid discharge from industry, business, trade or manufacturing premises which has the potential to enter the Council's sewerage system (other than domestic sewage, prohibited substance or stormwater).

Trade waste may have an organic strength many times that of domestic sewage and can contain other substances which sewerage systems are not designed to treat.

Who Generates Trade Waste?

Trade waste can be generated by any person, owner, occupier, company or body whose business activity produces or has the potential to produce trade waste discharge into the sewer.

The most common trade waste generators in the Rockhampton Region are commercial businesses such as food outlets, car washes, service stations and motor vehicle workshops.

If your business disposes of anything other than domestic sewage into drains you need to apply for a Trade Waste Approval.

What is a Trade Waste Approval?

A trade waste approval is the written approval from Council that states the requirements and conditions under which discharge to sewerage system is allowed. There are two types of trade waste approval:

- **Permit** for discharge classified as category 1 or 2
- **Agreement** for discharge classified as category 3

What happens when I have my Trade Waste Approval?

Once Council approves the discharge of trade waste into the sewerage system, the trade waste generator is responsible for:

- compliance with the permit/ agreement conditions;
- installing, operating and maintaining best practice pre-treatment devices and processes;
- advising Council of any change to the quality and/or quantity of waste generated;
- and supplying trade waste approval, record of maintenance, disposal docket, Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and other relevant documents upon request.

