

Information for New Trade Waste Dischargers

Trade Waste Fact Sheet No.1

WHAT ARE TRADE WASTES?

Trade Waste is generally defined as the liquid waste from any industry, business, trade or manufacturing premises, other than domestic sewage, which is disposed to the sewer. Trade Wastes are discharged from premises ranging from kitchens in commercial buildings, laundromats, mechanical workshops, car washes, dentists, through to tanneries, breweries and abattoirs just to name a few.

TRADE WASTE BRANCH

The sewerage systems and sewage treatment plants are designed to transport and treat domestic wastewaters. Trade wastes may contain certain pollutants which can be harmful to the sewerage system, maintenance workers or the environment.

Before any trade waste can be discharged to the sewerage system, approval in writing must be obtained from the SA Water Corporation's Trade Waste Branch. **This is a legal requirement.**

A [Trade Waste application form](#) can be obtained from SA Water House at Victoria Square Adelaide, by post or the Internet. We can also give advice and assistance and supply useful Fact Sheets, Guidelines and other resource materials. The fully completed form and application fee are submitted to the Trade Waste Branch for consideration. Approval is given via a Trade Waste Discharge Permit, which typically specifies the necessary pre-treatment of the applicant's trade waste (to meet discharge quality standards) and other conditions.

DISCHARGERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Once approval to discharge has been received, dischargers must comply with all Discharge Permit conditions, including maintaining the effectiveness of pre-treatment equipment. The onus for maintaining trade waste discharge performance lies solely with business operator at each site.

The Trade Waste Branch must be contacted if:

- Trade wastes are being discharged to the sewer and the premises doesn't have a discharge permit
- The activity discharging trade wastes changes
- The owner of the business changes
- A new process is added.

CONTACT DETAILS

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