

# Portable Domestic Waste Dump Point

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## Introduction

For the purpose of this guideline, portable domestic waste refers to wastewaters from mobile homes and portable cartridge type toilets found in caravans.

Caravan parks, caravan showrooms, road-stops and other locations may wish to provide a dump point facility to allow people to empty their waste. These dump points may be located within a vulnerable area of our sewerage network or may discharge to a small regional treatment plant.

It should also be noted that this type of domestic waste generally has a much higher organic content than normal domestic waste and may contain treatment chemicals for disinfection and odour control purposes.

For this reason, anyone wishing to install and operate a Portable Domestic Waste Dump Point must apply for a trade waste authorisation to ensure proper controls are applied to the facilities use and ongoing maintenance.

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## 1. Applying for a portable domestic waste dump point authorisation

Anyone wishing to provide and operate a portable domestic waste dump point must apply for an authorisation from SA Water using the [Non-Complex Trade Waste Discharge Application form](#).

You must provide your personal details and details about the type and location of the proposed facility. SA Water's trade waste branch will then assess your application and contact you should further information be required.

Successful applicants will be provided with a Domestic Waste Dump Point Authorisation which contains the specific controls required for operating the facility.

Any existing portable domestic waste dump points connected to the SA Water sewer network without authorisation will be classified as an illegal discharge and may be subject to further action. You may apply retrospectively for an authorisation at any time.

## 2. Typical responsibilities of authorisation holders

As an operator of a portable domestic waste dump point your particular authorisation will detail any conditions that must be met to help safeguard our sewerage network and wastewater treatment plants.

We will monitor your compliance with these conditions by carrying out periodical audits of the facility on a risk assessed basis.

Some typical conditions you may have to meet are:

- Facility should have a hinged lockable lid with controlled access by a responsible person. A logbook should be kept to record customer details
- Facility must be reasonably secure to prevent illegal dumping from a third party
- All hose taps used for wash-down purposes require a testable double check valve assembly as directed by the [Office of the Technical Regulator](#)
- The facility should be designed to prevent stormwater ingress at all times
- The facility should be designed to prevent damage by customer vehicles
- The facility is to be for the use of private customers only. Any liquid hauler tanker waste discharges is strictly prohibited

## 3. Charges relating to portable domestic waste dump points

SA Water will recover costs for the processing of your application form and for carrying out periodical audits of the facility only.

There will be no further charges relating to the acceptance of this domestic waste from private customers only.

SA Water may seek to recover costs for damage caused by illegal activities carried out at the dump point facility.

The application and audit fee shall be at the non-complex rate detailed within our [Trade Waste Fees and Charges webpage](#).

## 4. Further Information

- [Non-Complex Trade Waste Discharge Application form](#)
- For more details or if you wish to talk to a SA Water representative please contact the SA Water trade waste branch on:
  - Ph: (08) 7424 1336
  - E-mail: [Tradewaste@sawater.com.au](mailto:Tradewaste@sawater.com.au)