

# Trade Waste

**Every business has the potential to generate a trade waste discharge into the sewerage system. The Burdekin Shire Council has a policy in place to ensure such trade waste generators have the correct control measures implemented.**

## What is Trade Waste?

Trade Waste is waterborne waste from business, enterprise, trade or manufacturing premises, other than:

- waste that is a prohibited substance; or
- human waste

*(Please note that no stormwater is allowed to be connected to the sewerage system.)*

A Trade Waste Permit or Agreement provides these types of premises with a licence to discharge more trade waste than an average domestic household.

## Who is responsible for Trade Waste?

The owner of the business or enterprise, who is classified as a generator, is responsible for:

- all waste discharged from the premise into the sewerage system
- all fees and charges involved with trade waste
- having an approved Trade Waste Permit or Agreement in place with Council
- having the correct Trade Waste Pre-Treatment Arrestor installed and working sufficiently; and
- having the Pre-Treatment Arrestor regularly cleaned, maintained and the residual waste (septage) within the arrestor removed by a licensed contractor on a regular basis

## Some examples of harmful Trade Waste

- Acidic and Strong Chemical Waste
- Excess Food and Beverages
- Flammable Liquids
- Grease and Oils
- Hair – Animal and Human
- High Levels of Detergent
- Medical Waste

## Categories of Trade Waste Generators

The following is a list of the categories of potential trade waste generators:



*(Oil/Water Separator)*



*(Grease Arrestor)*



*(Dry Basket Arrestor)*

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- Animal Products and Services – including Mobile Businesses
- Beauty Specialists/Technicians – including Home Based Businesses
- Chemical Manufacturers, Laboratories and Waste Treatments
- Cleaning Services – including Mobile Businesses
- Food and Beverage Vendors
- Hotels and Motels
- Medical and Caring Facilities
- Schools
- Supermarkets
- Vehicle Hires, Maintenance and Repairs

For further clarification of the above categories or for which category your business or enterprise may fall under, please contact Council.

### **When should a Trade Waste Permit or Agreement be applied for?**

Owners of businesses or enterprises, who fall under the categories of generators of trade waste and/or have the potential to dispose of harmful waste into the sewerage system, must have an approved Trade Waste Permit or Agreement in place with Council.

The point in time when a permit or agreement should be sought is:

- at the commencement of operation of a new business
- when a change occurs in the existing operation of a business – e.g. change of ownership, operating practices or processes or the method of trade waste disposal; or
- when a business is currently operating without an approved Trade Waste Permit or Agreement and without a functioning pre-treatment arrestor installed

It is important that all generators of trade waste have an approved permit or agreement in place with Council and the correct pre-treatment arrestor installed to ensure no harmful waste is discharged into the sewerage system causing blockages, corrosion, offensive odours and other damages or issues.

### **What is the Trade Waste Permit or Agreement Approval Process?**

1. Obtain from Council a Trade Waste Permit or Agreement application and return the application completed and signed to Council with the required application fee.
2. Council will assess the application and determine whether it can be approved. If there are any concerns with the application, Council will contact the generator to discuss the issues further.
3. Once the application is approved, written approval allowing trade waste to be discharged to the sewer will be issued together with a tax invoice for the relevant annual charge. For each financial year thereafter, the application is renewable and an annual charge is required.
4. All generator approved premises shall be routinely and randomly inspected by Council to monitor, audit and ensure the conditions and requirements of the discharging of trade waste are being sufficiently met.



*(Grease Arrestor Pits)*