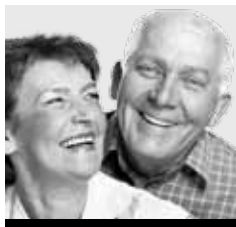


Trade waste



■ Introduction

Waikato District Council manages the wastewater system so that waste from residential, commercial and industrial premises can be safely transported, treated and disposed of.

Trade waste is defined as any liquid that is discharged from commercial, industrial, manufacturing or trade premises resulting from any process or operations.



■ Why does trade waste need to be managed?

Many commercial properties within the Waikato district produce trade waste. This can include cooking oil, grease, food solid or chemicals from varied commercial activities. If that waste is discharged directly into the council wastewater system it can cause blockages, overflows, overloading of the wastewater treatment plant, a hazard to public health and could result in river pollution.

Although the amount of waste from a single commercial property may be relatively small, the effect of the total amount of waste being discharged from the commercial industry is very significant.



■ What do I need to do?

All commercial, industrial, manufacturing or trade businesses that discharge to the wastewater system, will need to apply to Waikato District Council for a Trade Waste Consent.

Businesses that may be included are:

- Chemical manufacturers
- Dentists
- Doctors surgeries and medical centres
- Drycleaners
- Food premises
- Laundries
- Liquid waste contractors
- Nursing resthomes
- Vehicle, hire equipment or machinery wash facilities
- Veterinary clinics

■ What is a Trade Waste Consent?

A Trade Waste Consent is an agreement between the Waikato District Council and the owner/occupier discharging trade waste to the wastewater system subject to the terms and conditions of the consent.

■ What is the process for approval?

Waikato District Council will notify the business/property owner of the requirements and will provide information on trade waste. An Application for Trade Waste Discharge form will also be included for you to complete.

Waikato District Council will then contact you to arrange an on site assessment after receiving your application.



Following the on-site assessment you will be advised of the next steps you will need to take. This will vary from site-to-site and may include any or all of the following:

- Obtain a Trade Waste Consent from Waikato District Council
- Install appropriate pre-treatment equipment.
- Enter into maintenance and service contracts for your pre-treatment equipment.
- Commence a programme of monitoring of your trade waste discharge.

■ There are four different types of consents

Permitted activity: is granted if the waste poses a very low risk in comparison to domestic waste. This category also applies to waste being disposed on-site, where there is no council sewer connection or if there is no wastewater other than toilets and hand washing. This consent has no associated charges for an application. This consent could apply to businesses like a café with little or no food preparation or a hairdresser.

Controlled trade waste discharge: is granted if the trade waste is acceptable after suitable pre-treatment and requires consent i.e. a grease trap. These consents are subject to a registration fee and an annual fee. It might apply to a butchery, bakery or laundry.

Conditional trade waste discharge: is a waste that exceeds normal waste characteristic limits (schedule 1A of Trade Waste Bylaw) but is still acceptable to be discharged. This consent often applies to businesses with high water usage. The normal trigger level is greater than 5000L of waste per day. Conditional trade waste consents are subject to the registration fee, flow and load-based charges and an annual fee. It might apply to a large food premises, rest home or a manufacturing business.

Prohibited trade waste discharge: if the waste contains prohibited characteristics it will not be able to be discharged into the sewer.

■ Need to know more?

For more detailed information regarding trade waste please visit our website www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz. Search keywords 'Trade Waste Bylaw'. Alternatively please contact a Trade Waste Operations Engineer on 0800 492 452.



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