

YOUNG SHIRE COUNCIL

LIQUID TRADE WASTE

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What is Trade Waste ?

Trade Waste is liquid waste entering the sewer that is not sewage, storm water or unpolluted water.



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Why do we need approval to discharge Liquid Trade Waste into sewer?

Sewerage systems are designed to safely collect, transfer and treat wastewater, which is mostly of domestic origin.

These systems may also accept liquid trade waste provided that the discharges are planned, known and controlled within acceptable limits.

- Without suitable controls, liquid trade waste may adversely impact the sewerage system, environment, and the health and safety of workers and the public.
- To minimise any impact to the above, the NSW State Government require that businesses discharging liquid trade waste to sewer have an approval to do so from their local water utility i.e. Young Shire Council. In order to gain approval adequate methods of pre-treatment must be installed, to ensure the liquid trade waste is suitable for discharge to the sewer.

Impacts of poor liquid Trade Waste Regulation

- Blockage of the sewerage system and overflows of untreated sewage to the environment. This is potentially dangerous to public health and is often caused by excess build up of grease, oil and solids.
- Odour problems
- Corrosion of the sewerage infrastructure by strong wastes which is ultimately a cost borne by the community.

Regulation

Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that all trade waste dischargers to a Council sewerage system must have an approval from Council. This applies to both new and existing trade waste dischargers. A discharger who fails to obtain Council's approval or fails to comply with the conditions of approval may be prosecuted under section 120 (1) of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.



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Responsibility of a Trade Waste Discharger

A business wishing to discharge trade waste into a Council sewer must first obtain an approval to do so from Council. Either the owner of the premises or the tenant who carries out an activity on the premises may apply for approval. The tenant must have the written consent of the owner or signed application form in order to apply for approval.

Charging Categories

The transport, treatment and monitoring of liquid trade waste involves significant capital and operating costs. Council will levy sewerage developer charges towards the capital cost of the required infrastructure. The remainder of the costs will be recovered through sewer access and usage charges and trade waste fees and charges.

Property owners are responsible for the payment of water supply, sewerage and liquid trade waste fees and charges. Council's fees and charges can be found in Council's Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste into Sewerage System located at www.young.nsw.gov.au (probably just change this to the Fees and Charges)

• **Category 1 Dischargers include (Low Risk)**

- Category 1 : Nil or only minimal liquid trade waste pre-treatment equipment required (eg. hairdressers, florists, bed and breakfasts).
- Still low risk but require more sophisticated prescribed liquid trade waste pre-treatment equipment (eg. small scale vehicle washing, laundry activities).

• **Category 2 Dischargers (Medium Risk)**

- Require prescribed liquid trade waste pre-treatment equipment (eg. grease arrestor, oil / water separator).
- Examples are food preparation activities that generate an oily greasy wastewater discharge (eg. a restaurant preparing or serving hot food, mechanical workshop).

• **Category 2S:**

- Dischargers of chemical toilet waste

• **Category 3 Dischargers (High Risk)**

- Industrial and/or large volume (greater than 20 kL per day) type dischargers.
- Business include powder coating, timber processing, textile manufacture, caustic degreasing.

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Trade Waste fees and charges include;

Application fee – Some business may be exempt under Councils Discharge of Liquid Trade Waste into the Sewerage System, which can be found by visiting www.young.nsw.gov.au and selecting Council Policies.

- Annual trade waste fee to cover the cost of administration and monitoring and inspection by Council.
- Category 2 – for discharge. A trade waste usage charge per kL based on the volume of waste discharged.
- Category 3 discharges – excess mass charges for pollutants in excess of the concentration in domestic sewage.
- Non compliance charges and a re-inspection fee where a business fails to comply with Councils conditions of approval.

Minimise your water, sewerage and trade waste bills by;

- Using water sparingly and efficiently
- Recycling whenever possible and complying with any current water restrictions
- Not leaving taps or hoses running
- Using a broom and mop for washing floors – not the hose
- Using high pressure hoses or hoses with trigger nozzles for washing vehicles and equipment.

Reduce the load on your pre-treatment and the sewerage system by:

- Installing screens and basket arrestors in sinks and floor drains
- Using minimal grease and oil for cooking.
- Using trays to catch fat, grease and oil
- Scraping utensils and dishes before washing
- Ensuring that your pre-treatment equipment operates effectively by reducing the waste load, detergents and hot water use.
- Regularly monitoring and maintaining your pre-treatment equipment. Ensure timely pump-outs to avoid blockage of your internal sewer pipes and Council non-compliance charges or a higher liquid trade waste usage charge/kL
- Never putting fat, oil, grease or solvents down a sink or drain. Arrange for collection of these wastes by a licensed waste transporter.

Further Information

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Web Site www.young.nsw.gov.au

New South Wales Office Of Water (NOW)

Web Site www.water.nsw.gov.au .

Young Shire Councils Application Form located on their web site.

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