



# TRADE WASTE - CATEGORY 4

## DEFINITION OF TRADE WASTE

According to the *Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008*, trade waste is defined as water-borne waste from business, trade, or manufacturing premises, excluding prohibited substances, human waste and stormwater.

For the purpose of categorisation, Category 4 is defined as generators who produce a high volume of trade waste with low or minimal toxicity. Due to the sheer volume of the waste created, the toxicity that is present is diluted prior to entering the network.

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRADE WASTE GENERATORS

All trade waste generators must:

- ✓ Obtain Trade Waste Approval: Secure approval to manage and dispose of trade waste properly.
- ✓ Undergo Regular Audits: Be subject to regular audits by Trade Waste Officers who will:
  - Advise on trade waste issues
  - Ensure compliance with the *Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008*
  - Follow Council's Trade Waste Policy and Trade Waste Management Plan
- ✓ Compliance and Upgrades: Businesses not meeting the relevant legislation and policy requirements will be given a reasonable transition period to upgrade their facilities to meet minimum standards.

## BUSINESSES REQUIRING TRADE WASTE APPROVAL

BUSINESS TYPE	WASTE CHARACTERISTICS	PRE-TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS
Commercial Swimming Pools	Backwash water containing solids and chemical solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metering system on the discharge line (where required)</li> <li>• Some may require a holding tank with restricted flow rates and discharge during specific hours</li> </ul>
Commercial Car Washes	Solids, oils, and grease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oily water separator</li> <li>• Holding tanks, which may include recycling systems</li> </ul>
Laundromats	Silt and lint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silt/lint trap</li> </ul>
Laundries	Lint and temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooling trap</li> <li>• Lint screens</li> </ul>

## MINIMUM INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW BUSINESSES

- ✓ **Sub Water Meters:** Install sub-meters to measure all incoming water supplied to dedicated trade waste process areas. Some businesses may also be required to install sub-meters for recycled rainwater use and/or require flow meters on the discharge drain.
- ✓ **Screens:** Fit screens on sinks and floor waste outlets.
- ✓ **Oily Water Separator:** Required to manage oily waste.
- ✓ **Pre-Treatment:** Install appropriate size and type of pre-treatment specific to the waste stream generated by the business.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions about trade waste, wastewater, or anything related to this fact sheet, please contact Council's Trade Waste Officer via 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372) or via [sdrcradewaste@sdrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:sdrcradewaste@sdrc.qld.gov.au).