

TRADE WASTE - CATEGORY 5

MAJOR INDUSTRY TRADE WASTE RESPONSIBILITIES

WHAT IS CONSIDERED CATEGORY 5?

Category 5 businesses are those engaged in large-scale operations that produce high strength and high flow trade waste. This waste requires specialised pre-treatment before it can be discharged into the sewer system. By adhering to the guidelines below, you can help us maintain a healthy environment for our network and treatment plants that will benefit all residents of the Southern Downs.

WHICH BUSINESSES FALL UNDER CATEGORY 5?

In the Southern Downs region, businesses that typically fall into Category 5 include:

- ✓ Abattoirs (meat/poultry)
- ✓ Breweries and Distilleries
- ✓ Dairies and Stock Feed Producers
- ✓ Food Processing (including fruit/vegetable processing)
- ✓ Laboratories (scientific and pathology)
- ✓ Pharmaceutical Processing
- ✓ Wool Scouring and Tanneries
- ✓ Wineries

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A CATEGORY 5 GENERATOR

1. Safeguard the Environment and Council Network

By effectively managing your trade waste, you play a crucial role in protecting the environment and maintaining the integrity of Council's sewer network. Your actions help prevent pollution and ensure our waterways remain clean and safe for all.

2. Implement Pre-Treatment Solutions

To ensure your trade waste meets Council's Sewer Admission Limits, it's essential to install and maintain effective pre-treatment devices. This step is crucial for preventing contamination and safeguarding our shared resources.

3. Engage in Monitoring and Reporting

As a Category 5 generator, your waste will be subject to detailed monitoring. Keeping accurate records and reporting any significant changes in waste strength or volume helps us work together in protecting the environment.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES CONTINUED

4. Adhere to Sewer Admission Limits

Compliance with the sewer admission limits outlined in the Trade Waste Management Plan ensures that your waste is managed effectively. These limits include both concentration and daily mass load requirements.

5. Maintain Best Practices

Regular maintenance and operation of your pre-treatment devices in line with best practices will help you meet approved Sewer Admission Limits and contribute to a cleaner environment.

6. Report Changes Promptly

If there are significant changes in the strength or volume of your trade waste, please inform Council. We're here to assist you and ensure your business remains compliant.

Your partnership in managing trade waste is vital for the sustainability of our community and environment. Together, we can further safeguard our local waterways and ensure Council's infrastructure remains resilient. We are here to help you navigate these changes, and we encourage you to reach out for any assistance or clarification you may need.

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 sdrctradewaste@sdrc.qld.gov.au.