



A Guide to Trade Waste

Trade Waste

Waipa District Council manages the wastewater system so that liquid 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 to the wastewater system from commercial, industrial, manufacturing or trade premises resulting from any processes or operations. This may include Condensing or Cooling Waters; Stormwater which cannot be practically separated, or Domestic Sewage.

Trade Waste Bylaw

Territorial Local Authorities are empowered under Part 8 of the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 to make a Trade Waste Bylaw.

Waipa District Council's Trade Waste Bylaw has been adopted in accordance with NZS 9201:Part 23.

The Trade Waste Bylaw sets out the conditions under which Waipa District Council accepts discharge of Trade Waste to the wastewater system.

Managing Trade Waste

Waipa District Council manages Trade Waste discharges to:

- Protect the health and safety of all people working in the wastewater system.
- Protect receiving waters from toxic substances originating from Trade Waste discharges.
- Protect the wastewater system and wastewater treatment plants from damage due to harmful substances from Trade Waste sources.
- Assist the Waipa District Council to meet relevant

environment and other regulations.

- Assist the Waipa District Council wastewater processing operations to produce effluent and biosolids of an acceptable quality.
- Encourage waste minimisation and cleaner production in the commercial and industrial sectors.
- Encourage water conservation.
- Allow recovery of reasonable costs.
- Allow for the allocation of a wastewater systems capacity including determination of further optimisation and development.

The 'source control' approach adopted by Council ensures the quality of the discharge remains within the capabilities of the wastewater system and the wastewater treatment plant to transport and treat Trade Waste.

Who is affected?

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

Business that may be affected include:

- Chemical Manufacturers
- Commercial swimming pools
- Dentists
- Doctors surgeries and Medical centres
- Drycleaners
- Food premises
- Hospitals, nursing or resthomes
- Laundries
- Liquid waste contractors

- Printers
- Schools / Educational facilities
- Vehicle, hire equipment or machinery wash facilities
- Veterinary clinics

What is the process for approval?

- Waipa District Council will issue correspondence notifying business / property owners of the requirements and will provide information relevant to your industry to assist you in identifying sources of Trade Waste. Application for Trade Waste Consent forms will also be included for you to complete.
- Waipa District Council's Trade Waste Officer will 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 Waipa 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.

Is there an associated cost?

Waipa District Council's wastewater system, like most town and city systems, was designed to handle domestic wastewater. The unpredictable nature of Trade Waste has a significant impact on the wastewater system and its operational costs.

Waipa District Council has established a user pays charging policy for Trade Waste discharge. The charges

will depend on the classification of the discharge and will commence upon establishment of the Trade Waste Consent. Any and all costs associated with lodging the application will be borne by the applicant.

An application fee will apply to the lodgement of Trade Waste Applications and Renewals.

What is Trade Waste Consent?

Trade Waste Consent is the agreement between the Waipa District Council and the owner/occupier discharging Trade Waste to the wastewater system subject to the terms and conditions of the Consent.

Need to know more?

For more detailed information regarding Trade Waste contact the Waipa District Council Trade Waste Officer at the Te Awamutu Office.

