



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS TRADE WASTE

The Queensland State Government has put in place legislation enabling council to protect public health and safety, the environment and Isaac Regional Council infrastructure. This legislation allows Council to monitor and control waste being discharged to the sewer and to prosecute illegal discharges.

As a result of this legislation, council has developed a Trade Waste Environmental Management Plan (TWEMP), standardises the management of trade waste throughout the Isaac region while allowing council to meet its responsibility under the State Government legislation and relevant environmental authorities.

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## WHAT IS TRADE WASTE?

Trade waste is any water-borne waste from business, trade or manufacturing premises. This does not include waste that is a prohibited substance, human waste or stormwater, under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*.

Liquid wastes are produced by a range of industrial, commercial and domestic activities. The *Environmental Protection Act 1994* prohibits the pollution of the environment through the discharge of these wastes.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF COUNCIL'S TWEMP?

The TWEMP is in place to standardise the trade waste management practices across Council's service area. It outlines what can and cannot enter the sewer system and treatment facilities to protect public health and safety, the environment and infrastructure.

## WHAT KINDS OF BUSINESSES PRODUCE TRADE WASTE?

Automotive businesses such as service stations, car detailers and mechanical workshops; food service businesses such as cafes, delis, coffee shops, hotels and motels, fast food outlets, bars and nightclubs, bakeries and butchers; service industry businesses such as beauticians and hairdressers, school science labs and art studios and vets; care facilities such as daycare centres, hospitals, doctors surgeries, dentists, nursing homes and retirement villages; and commercial process business such as carwashes or the wash down of commercial bins.

If you aren't sure if your business produces trade waste, contact Council's Building Services department by phoning **1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227)**.



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## **DO I NEED A TRADE WASTE APPROVAL?**

If you own or manage a business which produces trade waste, you must apply for a Trade Waste Approval.

This can be done by submitting an Trade Waste Application form. This is available for download from our website ([www.isaac.qld.gov.au](http://www.isaac.qld.gov.au)).

All new and existing business that generate trade waste must hold a Trade Waste Approval.

## **WHY DO I NEED AN APPROVAL TO DISCHARGE TO THE SEWER?**

All business producing liquid trade waste are required to hold a Trade Waste Approval so Council is able to manage and prepare for the waste accordingly.

Uncontrolled discharge of liquid trade waste into the sewerage system can cause serious problems to infrastructure, our environment, as well as compromising the health and safety of the public and workers.

Untreated liquid waste can harbour contaminants that cause damage to infrastructure and can become a public health risk.

## **HOW MUCH DOES A TRADE WASTE APPROVAL COST?**

All trade waste applications are subject to an application fee, based on their Trade Waste Discharge Category 1\*. For a full list of these fees and charges, please refer to Council's Fees & Charges Schedule.

This is available for download from our website ([www.isaac.qld.gov.au](http://www.isaac.qld.gov.au)).

Trade Waste Approval holders are charged an annual fee based on their Category 1\*.

\*Refer to Council's TWEMP for Trade Waste



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