

Tablelands Regional Council



Pre-Treatment Guidelines for Trade Waste Discharges



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1. Introduction

Trade Waste is the liquid waste generated from any industry, business, trade or manufacturing process. It does not include human waste, or prohibited substances as detailed in Schedule 1 of the Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008.

As part of the Trade Waste Policy, Tablelands Regional Council (Council) is required by legislation to regulate the discharge of trade waste to Council's sewers. All discharges must comply with the Sewer Admission Limits as set out in the Trade Waste Policy

The following information is provided as a **GUIDE ONLY** to assist waste generators. As waste quality may vary both within a given industry and between individual industries of the same type, the adequacy of these guidelines will need to be verified for each discharge.

2. Waste from commercial and service industries

Owners of all premises where industrial, commercial or service enterprises are undertaken, or likely to be undertaken, must apply to Council for a Trade Waste Permit to discharge waste to the sewer. Discharge without approval is an offence under the Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008 and subject to penalties as defined in the Act. Commercial and service enterprises include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Restaurants, Coffee Shops, Cafes
- Fast Food Outlets/Take Aways
- Butchers
- Bakers/Hot Bread Shops
- Seafood Shops
- Delicatessens
- Pie/Pastry Outlets
- Icecream Parlours
- Hotels
- Motels
- Hospitals
- Clubs
- Laundromats
- Hairdressers
- Nursing Homes
- Medical Surgeries (includes dental, veterinary, chiropractic – where have X-rays)
- Garbage Collection areas in commercial buildings
- Service Stations/other automotive related business (small scale)
- Small Engineering Works
- Photographic/X-ray/Graphic Arts/Mini Labs
- Air-conditioning Waste-Condensates, Cooling Tower Wastes
- Commercial Refrigeration Condensates
- Commercial Swimming Pool Backwash Water
- Supermarkets/Shopping Centres

In most cases wastes from these businesses would be termed as minor generators and should be suitable for discharge to the sewer after appropriate pre-treatment as indicated in Table 1. However, the Trade Waste Officer will assess all trade waste generators and determine their category.

3. Grease arrestor requirements

- Table 2 outlines different methods for estimating the size of grease arrestors. The final determination of adequate capacity will be done by the Trade Waste Officer.
- The maximum allowable capacity of an individual grease arrestor is 2000 litres. Where the capacity requirement for premises is greater than 2000 litres, additional arrestors shall be used, with each arrestor to be a discrete installation separately treating a defined waste stream.
- In certain circumstances Council may approve the installation of an arrestor in excess of a 2,000 litre capacity.
- Applications must include all details relating to loadings and detailed plans and specifications of the proposed device.
- The use of solvents, enzymes, mutant bacteria, odour control agents or pesticides in grease arrestors is prohibited unless specifically approved by the Trade Waste Officer.
- Cleaning and maintenance of grease arrestors will be carried out by a Council approved liquid waste disposal contractor at minimum 3 monthly intervals or more frequently as specified in the Permit Conditions and determined by the Council Trade Waste Officer.
- A permit to undertake plumbing work must be obtained from Council prior to installation.
- All work to be performed by a licenced Plumber/Drainer.

3.1 Installation within buildings

Grease Arrestors installed inside buildings will not normally be allowed, except in exceptional circumstances, and only with the approval of Council's Trade Waste Officer and Council's Environmental Health Officer. When installed and requiring remote pump out, the arrestor must be of the "Boat Bottom" design and fitted with gas tight lids.

3.2 Cover and frame installation

The cast iron grease arrestor frame shall be jointed to the thickening rib and/or wall extension of the grease arrestor by industrial Araldite Epoxy or similar Council approved material. The 'in situ' concrete surround around the frame shall be at least 200 mm wide and extend below the angle of the thickening rib of the grease arrestor.

3.3 Grease arrestor covers

Installation of covers and cast iron frame shall comply with Council's requirements, to ensure that a gas tight seal is obtained between cover and frame. Covers shall be machine edged.

The cast iron frame shall be full length and full width of the trap opening and placed on the thickening rib of the grease arrestor or the vertical concrete extension thereto of the grease arrestor wall and flush with the inside of the vertical concrete wall extension and/or thickening rib of the grease arrestor.

Loose checker plate steel lids may be used in open air and non trafficable areas only. Top of grease arrestor is to be a minimum 50 mm above surrounding surface area/or flood level with tapered concrete apron.

3.4 Concrete wall extension and concrete surround

Precast and 'in situ' concrete wall extensions and/or surrounds shall be vertical, smooth and free of air holes and jointed flush with the inside of the grease arrestor wall. Material used for the jointing of the precast concrete products to the grease arrestor shall be industrial Araldite Epoxy or similar Council approved material.

3.5 Grease arrestor outlet inspection opening

The outlet of all arrestor installations must discharge to a disconnecter gully to allow for inspection and sampling.

3.6 Venting of grease arrestors

Grease arrestors shall be vented by a vent of at least 100mm in diameter.

4. Guidelines for drains and discharge pipes conveying trade waste

4.1 List of dischargers wherein HDPE pipe or other approved materials would be required

1. Laundries – commercial and hospital
2. Hospitals – sterilisers, autoclaves, laboratories
3. Tanneries
4. Anodising plants
5. Smallgoods manufacture
6. Boning rooms
7. Paint manufacture
8. Boiler blow down from industrial premises
9. Poultry abattoir
10. Margarine and butter manufacture
11. Mechanical parts washing – solvents
12. Printing works
13. Food processing
14. Bakery
15. Restaurant
16. Fish and chip shop
17. Take away food shop
18. Car wash
19. Retail butchery

4.2 List of discharge wherein HDPE pipe or other approved material would be optional


1. Coffee shop
2. Milk bar
3. Garbage compaction areas

NB: Fixture wastes connected to trade waste drains are not to be installed in copper/brass piping and fittings.

5. Waste disposal units

5.1 Food waste disposal units

Food waste disposal units (garbage grinders/in-sink waste disposal units) are not normally allowed in commercial applications. Where installation is approved an annual charge based on motor



power shall apply. Garbage grinders must discharge direct to sewer and cannot discharge through a grease arrestor.

5.2 Potato Peelers

Potato peelers also come within this category and are subject to the same charges and conditions.

5.3 Macerators

Bed pan macerators are prohibited.

6. Oil arrestors

Inground triple chamber type oil arrestors are no longer permitted for oil and grease separation. Oil arrestors are to be of the Coalescing Plate type, Vertical Gravity Separators, Hydrocyclones, or other Water & Waste approved devices.

Council's Trade Waste Officers are available on telephone (07) 4089 2282 to answer any queries regarding Trade Waste matters.

Table 1 - General pre-treatment guidelines

1.1 Mechanical repairs workshop

Process	Pre-Treatment	Hints
Parts washing with water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash area to be bunded to contain wash water. If outside the workshop the wash area is to be bunded and roofed. A collection well and non-emulsifying pump. An approved oil Separator with an oil collection container and sludge removal system, all within a roofed and bunded area. Wash designated, bunded area (segregated from rest of workshop). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screens may be useful to exclude nuts and washers from the pump intake. Cleaning compounds to be compatible with the pre-treatment system. The cleaning and maintenance program specified by the supplier should be follows. Oil to be drained or wiped from parts prior to washing. Store used oil for recycling.
Parts washing with solvents (Preferred method)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spent solvents to be removed off-site for regeneration or disposal. Area containing the parts wash to be bunded to contain any spillage or leakage. <p>NB: There is no discharge to Sewer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the material safety data sheets for each of the Materials being used.
Floor wash-down (Periodic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area to be under roof and bunded to exclude rain water, but include wash-water from the pump intake. A collection well and non-emulsifying pump. An approved Oil Separator, with an oil collection container and sludge withdrawal system, all within a roofed and bunded area. <p>NB: The wastewater from wash-down can drain to the same pre-treatment system as that used for parts washing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screen may be used to exclude nuts and washers. Cleaning Compounds to be compatible with pre-treatment system. The cleaning and maintenance program specified by the supplier should be followed. Oil spills should be soaked up or wiped up prior to washing. Grease blobs should be scraped up before washing.
Vehicle Body Repair Shops (Wet Rubbing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wet rubbing area to be roofed and bunded. Area to drain to a minimum 550 litre Silt Trap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Settling Pit to be serviced at regular intervals by a licensed contractor.

Process	Pre-Treatment	Hints
Washing of Vehicle Body only (No Degreasing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash area to be bunded to contain wash water. If outside the workshop the wash area is to be bunded and roofed. Area to drain to a minimum 500 litre Silt Trap. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silt Trap is to be serviced at regular intervals by a licensed industrial liquid removal contractor.
Vehicle Detailing (Degreasing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area to be under roof and bunded to exclude rainwater, but include wash water. A collection well and non-emulsifying pump. An approved oil separator with an oil collection container and sludge withdrawal system, all within roofed and bunded area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection well/separator to be serviced at regular intervals by a licensed industrial liquid removal contractor.
Service Station's covered forecourt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area to be under roof and bunded to exclude rainwater, but include wash water. A collection well and non-emulsifying pump. An approved oil separator with an oil collection container and sludge withdrawal system, all within roofed and bunded area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection well/separator to be serviced at regular intervals by a licensed industrial liquid removal contractor.
Fuel Installation and Refuelling Depot		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOT PERMITTED TO SEWER OR STORMWATER DRAIN Dry Cleaning technique should be adopted.

Pumps

- Only non-emulsifying pumps, such as an electrically driven diaphragm pump (at less than 40 cycles per minute) may be used to pump the wastewater to a separator.
- Pump discharge must not be greater than the capacity of the separator.
- Any person wishing to sell an Oil Separator system which includes the pump for treatment of wastewater going to sewer, must conform to these guidelines.

Bunding

- The area around all treatment installations must be bunded. There must be no spillage or overflow of trade waste influent or effluent, sludge, or treatment chemicals to the stormwater or sewerage systems (by gravity or by automated mechanical means).
- The storage of oils or chemicals within this bunded area is not permitted.



Oil Separators

Installation requirements for Oil Separators are as follows:

- Only Council approved equipment to be installed
- Installation must comply with relevant Council Building and Plumbing By-Laws
- Minimum capacity 1000 litres per hour
- Where required Pumps to be sized so as not to exceed the capacity of the separator
- Only approved non-emulsifying pumps to be used
- Sludge outlet to be fitted with a full flow valve
- Manufacturers recommended servicing/clean out schedules must be adhered to
- Servicing records to be kept and made available to Trade Waste Officers
- Cleaners and detergents must be of “Quick Break” formulation

NB: In-ground oil arrestor grease-silt traps are no longer acceptable.

Housekeeping

“Housekeeping” refers to all work practices and activities which minimise waste. There is a number of housekeeping practices which can be adopted to reduce wastewater levels, and lessen the load placed on pre-treatment facilities. Good housekeeping procedures should be adopted wherever possible and in some circumstances can even classify the generator as a non-discharger. Some of the practices are:

- Use less water by adopting dry cleaning methods. The less water used, the less trade wastewater to be treated.
- Dry cleaning methods include wiping up spills and sweeping, rather than hosing. There are absorbent packs available to soak up oil spills.
- Ensure all equipment is properly cleaned and maintained.
- Discharging oil down the drain is PROHIBITED. Ensure that adequate storage is provided for used oil and that a collection program is arranged with an Oil Recycler.
- Use “Quick break” detergents. These help remove oil in the pre-treatment stage.
- Use cleaning products that have a pH of 7-10 at working concentrations.

1.2 Food industry

Process	Pre-Treatment	Hints
All premises involved in cooking food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grease Arrestor (for sizing see Table 2) Dry basket arrestors in floor wastes and sinks**. Used oil and fat storage. Garbage bin wash cleaning area to be roofed and bunded - waste water to pass through a dry basket arrestor and discharged through a grease arrestor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grease arrestors to be serviced at regular intervals by a licensed liquid waste disposal contractor.
Food preparation only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry basket arrestors in floor wastes and sinks**. Grease arrestor in some circumstances (determined by Trade Waste Officer). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grease arrestors to be serviced at regular intervals by a licensed liquid waste disposal contractor.

** Dry basket arrestors may be omitted for sinks for low risk processes at the discretion of Tablelands Regional Council Trade Waste Officer.

1.3 Other trade waste generators

Generator/Source	Characteristics of Waste	General Pre-treatment Requirements
Dental/medical/veterinary surgeries		
No plaster casts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry basket arrestor
Plaster casts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plaster arrestor
X-rays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rinse water and spent solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To sewer via balancing tank and silver recovery (refer photographic industry code of practice),
Photographic waste		
Fast photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rinse water and spent solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To sewer via balancing tank and silver recovery (refer photographic industry code of practice),
X-rays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rinse water and spent solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To sewer via balancing tank and silver recovery (refer photographic industry code of practice),
Laundromats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lint, temperature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lint screens 1mm mesh, cooling pit. If temperature exceeds 38° Celsius.
Hairdressing salons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair, soap, dyes, etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pre-treatment required. Not to discharge through a grease arrestor.
Hobby clubs		
Discharge less than 200 L/Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspended solids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pre-treatment required.
Discharge of 200 - 1000 L/Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspended solids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plaster arrestors
Discharge over 1000 L/Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspended solids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solids settlement pit 1000 L, minimum of 1 hour retention time
Kennels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry arrestor pit Open area controls Dry cleaning prior to washing down



Generator/Source	Characteristics of Waste	General Pre-treatment Requirements
School laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acid/alkali• Chemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sediment and neutralising pit

NB: Discharge from photographic processing and laboratories not to come into contact with copper pipes.

It is to be noted that dilution of the wastestream to meet sewer admission levels is NOT PERMITTED

Table 2 - Guidelines for sizing grease arrestors

1. The capacity of a grease arrestor may be calculated from the following capacity allowances for various fixtures and fittings in commercial premises.

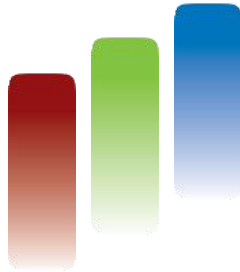
Fixture/Fitting	Capacity (Litres)
Commercial kitchen sink	140
Double bowl or pot sink	280
Basin	30
Water heated bain-marie	40
Dishwasher	
• small (under bench)	400
• medium (upright)	800
• large (more than one outlet)	1200
Steamer/Hydrotherm/Boiling Pots/Stock Pots	100
Work burner	140
Mixing bowl	140
Glass washers (not in liquor sales area)	200

- or 2. If a restaurant, coffee shop, hotel, motel, hostel, nursing home etc. does not have fixture or fittings in excess of 250 litres capacity, the following criteria shall apply;

Serving Capacity	Minimum size grease arrestor
0 - 40 persons	500 Litre
40 - 90 persons	1000 Litre
90 - 180 persons	2000 Litre

- or 3. Minimum grease arrestor capacities

Business	Arrestor Size	Comment
Take Aways	550 Litre	No cooking chicken, no woks
Hostel	550 Litre	
Retail Seafood Outlets		No processing/cooking
Ice Cream Parlour	550 Litre	
Hot Bread Shop	550 – 1000 Litre	Depending on Fixtures/ Fittings/Seating Capacity
Pizza Shop	550 – 1000 Litre	
Takeaway and Delicatessen	550 – 1000 Litre	
Coffee Shop (0-40 persons)	550 – 1000 Litre	
Restaurant (0-40 persons)	550 – 1000 Litre	
Retail Butcher	550 – 1000 Litre	
Bakery	1000 – 2000 Litre	
Coffee Shop (40-90 persons)	1000 – 2000 Litre	
Restaurants (40-90 persons)	1000 – 2000 Litre	
Retail Chicken	1000 - 2000 Litre	
Seafood Processing	1000 – 2000 Litre	
Coffee Shop (91-180 persons)	2000 Litre	
Restaurants (91-180 persons)	2000 Litre	
Nursing Homes	2000 Litre	
Hotel	2000 Litre	
Hospital	2000 Litre	
Shopping Centres	2000 Litre	Combination shops



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