

POLICY: DS-SWM-006

TRADE WASTE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Trade Waste Policy is to outline the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's principles for trade waste management.

Sewerage systems are primarily designed to transport and treat residential strength sewage. Liquid discharges from industrial and commercial premises that are not within these parameters can cause significant damage to the sewerage system, employees and the environment as well as loss of service to users of the sewerage system.

In accordance with the Water Services Act 2012 Part 5 Division 6, a person or business seeking to discharge liquid trade waste to the sewerage system must obtain prior approval from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder as the licensed operator of the system.

The specific objectives of the City's trade waste management approach are:

- To prevent harm or injury to the general public and CKB employees;
- To safeguard the sewerage system against damage, blockage and/or surcharging;
- To minimize environmental harm;
- To exclude non-biodegradable and potentially harmful substances that may:
 - Cause non-compliance with statutory license approval conditions;
 - Cause the wastewater treatment process to fail;
 - Affect the efficiency of the treatment process;
 - Render effluent or biosolids unacceptable for reuse or disposal;
 - Physically damage infrastructure.
- To conform to the Water Services Act 2012; the Australian Sewage Quality Management Guidelines; and the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

DEFINITIONS

Trade Waste is the liquid waste other than sewage of a domestic nature. Liquid trade waste discharges to the sewerage system include liquid wastes from:

- business/commercial premises (eg hotel, motel, restaurant, butcher, service station, supermarket, dentist, medical centres)
- community/public premises (including craft club, school, college, university, hospital and nursing home)
- industrial premises

- trade activities (eg. mobile carpet cleaner)
- any commercial activities carried out at a residential premises
- saleyards, racecourses and stables and kennels that are not associated with domestic households

The Water Services Regulations 2013 specifically excludes beauticians, florists, hairdressers and domestic swimming pools.

STATEMENT

The Trade Waste Policy adopts a preventative risk management approach with regulatory compliance commitments and Customer Service Charter obligations.

Discharging Trade Waste without a Permit is an offence under the Water Services Act 2012 Part 5 Division 6.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder will work cooperatively with the community placing an emphasis on education and information regarding best practice trade waste and protection of the sewerage system.

Trade Waste permitting and monitoring will be administered using the supporting *Trade Waste Management Plan* which specifies the following:

- Businesses required to obtain a Trade Waste Permit
- Trade Waste acceptance criteria
- Application forms and procedures
- Fees, charges and penalty rates
- Trade waste Service Agreement format
- Monitoring of trade waste discharges and pre-treatment systems
- Right of access to property

CKB's Infrastructure and Environment division has responsibility for the administration of this policy. The Water Services section of this division has responsibility for the implementation of the Trade Waste Policy. The policy will be reviewed annually.

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Trade Waste Management Plan