



Motor Trade Association of SA Environmental Fact Sheet

NEW PREMISES

What should you consider before purchasing new premises?

Site contamination

Site contamination is when the concentration of chemicals present in the soil are in higher quantities than would occur naturally.

Investigate for site contamination before purchasing a site.

Obtain legal advice to gain a better understanding of who will be held responsible for the site contamination if you purchase the property.

Plumbing

All drains in the following areas need to be connected to an oil separation system.

- Workshop floor
- Car washing
- Engine parts
- Degreasing bays

The oil separation system and any other waste water must drain to the sewer or be collected for disposal and never drain into storm water.

Bunding

You need to minimise the risk of chemical spills escaping the workshop and contaminating your site or storm water drains.

This can be done by bunding the entrances to your workshop or you could ensure that floors slope inwards to direct spills away from doors. For more information see Bunding Fact sheet ENV 0002 .

Storage

Designate appropriate areas for the storage of hazardous substances, including:

- Batteries
- Caustic
- Cleaning solvents
- Coolant
- New and used oil
- Parts contaminated by liquids
- Thinners

The storage area should be bunded, on sealed ground and undercover.

Store liquids within the workshop to minimise the risk of storm water pollution or site contamination.

Permits and licences required

Dangerous substances licence for the storage, use, transportation and disposal of toxic, corrosive, flammable or dangerous substances.

Petroleum Products licence to keep, sell or transport petroleum products or for activities involving or related to petroleum products.

Trade Waste Discharge Permit to discharge waste water, process liquids, groundwater, storm water or other materials to the sewer.

Other licences and permits may also apply.

Any questions call the MTA

Carly Roworth
Environmental Project Officer
Motor Trade Association of SA Inc (MTA)
T: 08 8291 2000
E: environment@mta-sa.asn.au

The Green Stamp Plus Programme is a joint initiative of MTA-SA and the Australian Government Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.