

GPG 5 Trade Waste Agreements



Governing Legislation and Standards:

Environment Protection Act
State Environment Protection Policy (The Waters of Victoria)
Water Industry Act



Summary Information:

Trade waste is water contaminated by your business.

Trade Waste should either be held on site and pumped out and disposed of by an EPA permitted contractor, or disposed of into the sewer only if you have a Trade Waste Agreement.

Sewer openings are usually round and their lids are generally more difficult to remove than stormwater grates.

There are strict guidelines on the quantity and quality of Trade Waste discharge going to sewer. These guidelines are designed to protect the sewerage system and the environment.

Trade Waste charges vary depending on the water authority but are generally related to the quantity and quality of Trade Waste.



Further Help:

EPA Victoria, telephone 03 9695 2777

Your local water authority:

- South East Water, telephone 13 28 12, www.southeastwater.com.au
- City West Water, telephone 13 26 42, www.citywestwater.com.au
- Yarra Valley Water, telephone 13 27 62, www.yvw.com.au

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Good Practice Risk Control:

Do not allow Trade Waste to enter stormwater drains, creeks, rivers or other waterways.

- Apply for a Trade Waste Agreement that allows you to discharge wastewater into the sewer.
- Some wastewater cannot be discharged into the sewer. It must be collected by a contractor with an EPA permit. Make sure you understand what your Trade Waste Agreement allows you to discharge and what you cannot.
- If you use waste contractors, keep records that detail the permits and approvals they have.
- Keep all the invoices your waste contractors give you, for at least the last 3 years.
- Install the necessary pre treatment equipment required by your water authority, e.g. silt traps and triple interceptor traps, petrol and oil interceptors, plate separator.
- Have properly documented procedures and records demonstrating that delegated people are trained to operate and maintain your water treatment equipment.
- Only discharge wastewater into the sewer according to the terms of your Trade Waste Agreement.