

## Businesses or activities that have the potential to generate trade waste:

- Soil testing labs Xray machines
- Photo development
- Laboratories
- Laundromats
- Spas
- Bin wash areas
- Hairdressers
- Sinks
- Coffee shops
- Restaurants
- Food processing
- Hotels
- Bars
- Car washing
- Workshops
- Schools
- Tyre fitting
- Swimming pool backwash

This list is an example only and does not reflect all business that generate trade waste.

### New businesses must be aware

- If you have bought a new business, it is possible your trade waste pre-treatment equipment is not up to date.
- It is your responsibility to update it.
- Ph Mackay Water and Waste for advice/assistance.

**Mackay Water and Waste's Department of Trade Waste will determine if you are a trade waste generator.**

Phone 1300 MACKAY (1300 622 529) for an assessment or visit [www.mackay.qld.gov.au](http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au)

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# Grease is the word

## Are you a trade waste generator?

- The odds are YES.

## About 95% of businesses have the potential to generate trade waste.

- Many don't know it.

## It's up to you, the property owner and/or generator, to protect your environment.

- Details inside



## What is trade waste?

**Trade waste is the liquid waste produced by any business other than:**

- Domestic sewerage
- Illegal substances and
- Storm water



**Installing proper trade waste equipment is the property owner or generator's responsibility.**



## Be prepared

### 1. Have your trade waste requirements assessed

- Trade waste should be tested through an approved laboratory to ensure emissions meet appropriate requirements. (A list of service providers who will test your trade waste emissions is provided in this pack.)

### 2. Regularly service your trade waste pre-treatment equipment

- Have your equipment serviced as per manufacturers recommendations. (A list of service providers is provided in this pack.)

## Application process

### 1. Apply for approval to discharge trade waste to sewer

- You must apply to Mackay Water for approval. (An application form is available in the pack provided.)

### 2. Install appropriate trade waste pre-treatment equipment and learn to use it properly

- Call your on-site trade waste pre-treatment service provider to find out how to use your equipment. (A list of all contacts who will show you how to use your equipment is provided in this pack.)

## The costs of trade waste

### 1. Monetary

- Cleaning up sewer contamination is borne by the ratepayer when trade waste is improperly disposed of.
- Your business could be hit with hefty fines and business owners may be charged costs associated with cleaning up illegal discharges and contamination.

### 2. Environmental

- If contaminated water reaches the environment it will contaminate streams, rivers, the earth and kill fish. This is a state and federal offence. Protect the environment for all to enjoy.



**Call Mackay Water and Waste for a copy of the trade waste information pack.**