

Liquid Trade Waste

Laundry or Laundromat (coin operated)
and Dry Cleaning



Definition

Liquid trade waste (LTW) is any discharge to a sewerage system other than domestic waste from a hand wash basin, shower, bath or toilet.

Central Coast Council is referred to as Council.

Introduction

This Fact Sheet is provided to assist you to treat and dispose of liquid trade waste in an efficient and approved manner.

For further information, please contact Council's Trade Waste Section on 4350 5555.

For LTW application forms, refer to www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

Activities

This Fact Sheet applies to laundry activities that are provided for public use, including a laundromat with coin-operated machines or a laundry that discharges less than 5000 litres per day (5000L/d). This information does not apply to commercial or industrial laundries with discharge volumes greater than 5000L/d.

Note: Waste from the dry cleaning area is not allowed into the sewerage system.

What pre-treatment is required?

- You will need to have lint screens in place. Washing machine internal screens are acceptable.
- Laundry waste must be cooler than 38°C before it can be discharged into the sewerage system.

A cooling pit may not be required if only cold water is used for washing or if you have installed a device to reduce the temperature of hot water prior to discharge.

If cooling is required, make sure you have a cooling pit installed that is capable of cooling the discharge to below 38°C. If the cooling pit is covered, it may require venting to accelerate cooling.

When you apply for approval to discharge liquid trade waste to Council's sewerage system, please include the consultant's or supplier's calculations regarding the capacity of your cooling pit.

pH

- Test the pH of the liquid trade waste regularly to maintain it within the range of 7.0 to 9.0 at all times.
- Make sure you adjust the pH as necessary before discharging to the sewerage system.

