

# Liquid Trade Waste

Stormwater discharges from open areas  
and first flush



## 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](http://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au).

## Activity

Stormwater is a prohibited discharge. The ingress of stormwater into the sewerage system can cause system operational problems resulting in sewer overflows due to overloading.

However, it is recognised it may not always be possible or practical to prevent all stormwater entering into the sewerage system at some liquid trade waste generating premises.

Discharging limited quantities of first flush water from sealed areas is given consideration where roofing cannot be provided because of safety or other important considerations.

The discharge from unsealed areas is not permitted.

Before stormwater is considered for discharge to the sewerage system, please provide the following information with your application:

- Reasons why the area cannot be fully or partially roofed and bunded to exclude stormwater
- The dimensions and a plan of the open area under consideration
- Whether the open area is sealed
- The estimated volume of the stormwater discharge
- Information on rain gauging
- Where a first-flush system is proposed, details on how the stormwater will be delivered to the drainage system after the first flush is accepted (the first-flush to be limited to the first 10mm of the storm run-off)
- A report on other stormwater management options considered and why they are not feasible.

