

Trade Waste Information Sheet

Animal Wash Activities

Preface

Liquid waste generated by industry, small business and commercial enterprises is referred to as trade waste. The *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* prohibits the unauthorised discharge of wastes, other than domestic sewage, into the sewerage system.

1. The definition of trade waste is;
 - *The waterborne waste from business, trade or manufacturing property, other than:*
 - *Waste that is a prohibited substance; or*
 - *Human waste; or*
 - *Stormwater.*
2. The definition of Domestic waste is;
 - *Faecal matter and urine of human origin and liquid wastes from sinks, baths, basins, showers and similar fixtures designed for personal hygiene in both residential and commercial properties.*

Types of premises

- Kennels
- Stables
- Veterinary facilities

Veterinary surgery activities are stand-alone premises where veterinary surgeons attend to animals. It does not include veterinary research facilities.

Pre-treatment requirements

All sinks are to have hair traps. A dry basket arrestor with a fixed screen must be installed in floor wastes that are discharged to the sewerage system, in areas where animals are kept or washed. The basket arrestor and hair traps should be cleaned on a regular basis.

Where the animal furl in a sandpit (e.g. horses in stables and at racecourses), the liquid waste from the animal wash area is to pass through a settling pit before being discharged to the sewerage system. The pit should have a minimum capacity of one-hour detention time.

Stormwater

An area must be roofed where outside trade waste activities are carried out to prevent the ingress of rainwater to the sewerage system. 10 degrees from the vertical of overhang of the roofing is the minimum acceptable cover for structures where one or more sides are open to the weather.

To ensure that no surface stormwater can flow onto the liquid trade waste generating process area a bund at least 100 mm high or speed hump 75 mm high around the area is necessary. On the upper side of the area a stormwater drain alone is not adequate as stormwater may be susceptible in flowing over the grate and entering the area. The overall surface water flow across the site has to be considered and the height of the bund/speed hump may have to be increased to prevent stormwater flow onto the process area.

Good housekeeping practices

- Areas where animals are kept should be dry swept before hosing down the floors.
- Animal droppings, litter, etc. shall not be disposed of to the sewerage system.
- Similarly, any waste disposal products, such as disposable bags, shall not be disposed of to the sewer, even if a manufacturer claims that a product is biodegradable.
- Animal waste disposal units are not permitted to be connected to the sewerage system.

Use of disinfectants for sanitation purposes and pesticides for flea control

Note that organochlorine and organophosphate pesticides are substances excluded from the sewerage system. Therefore, wash water arising from the use of such substances must not be discharged to the sewerage system. MSDS for disinfectants and pesticides proposed to use at the premises must be forwarded to WRC trade waste along with the liquid trade waste application form.