

TRADE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Industrial and commercial waste, also known as trade waste, is essentially the liquid waste from any non-domestic source. Without appropriate information on the waste, transportation and treatment, this waste can be an issue for sewerage systems including treatment processes and the environment.

East Gippsland Water will manage trade waste acceptance services in accordance with the principles of cost effectiveness, fairness, environmental sustainability and social responsibility. In doing so our objectives are to:

- Assess the risks of accepting trade waste through regular sampling and analysis of trade waste parameters assessment of waste water treatment plant performance.
- Recover the true cost of acceptance, conveyance, treatment and disposal of trade waste.
- Provide financial incentives for trade waste customers to engage in waste minimisation and cleaner production including; waste prevention, recycling and pre-treatment of trade waste.
- Meet our relevant environmental obligations and statutory requirements.
- Ensure the trade waste accepted does not limit the treatment processes, beneficial reuse of treated water and/or biosolids application to land.
- Promote water conservation.
- Protect the health and safety of the public and all people working in the sewerage system by applying strict standards to the discharge of trade waste.
- Protect the corporation's sewerage systems and treatment plants from damage due to potentially harmful substances contained in the trade waste, including corrosion and odours.
- Treat our trade waste customers with fairness and equity.
- Maintain and develop collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships with major trade waste customers.

East Gippsland Water advocates the Environment Protection Authority's principle of wastes hierarchy. We encourage waste to be managed in the following order of preference; avoidance, re-use, recycling, recovery of energy, treatment, containment and disposal.

REVIEW:

This Policy will be reviewed every three years.