

Trade Waste Policy for Food / Commercial Businesses

All food / commercial business or institutions other than those assessed as being non Trade Waste will be required to enter into a Trade Waste Agreement / Consent with South East Water.

A common misconception is that trade waste is only generated from businesses that cook food on site, however trade waste is generated from the washing of utensils, trays, cutlery, containers, etc associated with the handling, preparation, storage, manufacture and / or serving of food.

Definitions

Trade Waste (as defined by the Water Industry Regulations 2006): 'any waste matter consisting solely or partly of food, which results from any process connected with the preparation, on premises other than private residence, of food or consumption'

'any matter discharged from premises as a result of trade, industrial, commercial, medical, dental veterinary, agriculture, horticulture or scientific activities.'

Food / Commercial Businesses: Food manufacture, food wholesaler, food preparation and retail food outlet eg, restaurant, take away, bar, delicatessen, butcher, kebab shop, coffee shop, fish and chip shop, chicken shop, pizza shop, Asian take away, etc,

Non Trade Waste customers: is waste discharged to sewer from those food / commercial businesses or institutions classified as Class 4 under the Food Act 1984.

Trade Waste customers can be identified using the Food Act 1984.

Type of Premises	Requirements
Food / commercial businesses classified under the Food Act 1984 as Class 1, 2, or 3.	Trade Waste Agreement / Consent and a Food and Oil Interceptor and / or appropriate treatment as required.
Food / commercial businesses classified under the Food Act 1984 as Class 4.	Non Trade Waste. Nil treatment.

An exemption will only be considered upon written request.

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