

FACT SHEET

If you run an occasional care or childcare centre, you may need a trade waste agreement, a grease trap if food is prepared, and/or additional treatment such as a cooling or straining pit if your centre contains laundering facilities. This fact sheet provides guidance on your trade waste requirements.

What is trade waste?

Trade waste is defined in the *Water (Trade Waste) Regulations 2014* and is effectively all liquid waste other than that produced by residences, offices and some retail businesses, for example, clothing stores. Occasional care and childcare centres therefore produce trade waste. Trade waste has a different composition to domestic sewage and needs to be managed differently.

Trade Waste Agreements

If your occasional care or childcare centre prepares food for children and/or has laundering facilities, the centre will need to have a Trade Waste Agreement with Greater Western Water.

Occasional care or childcare centres that do not prepare food or have laundering facilities are classified as deemed trade waste customers and are not required to apply for a Trade Waste Agreement. More information about deemed trade waste customers is available on our website:

www.gww.com.au

Trade waste requirements for occasional care/childcare centres that prepare food

Centres that prepare food are required to install an appropriately sized grease trap. Grease traps need ongoing maintenance through quarterly pump outs of the contents by an EPA-licensed waste collector.

For more information about grease traps, please refer to our website:

www.gww.com.au

Trade waste requirements for centres with laundering facilities

Occasional care and childcare centres that have laundering facilities may need to install additional treatment for trade waste such as a cooling or straining pit, or combination of both. This is to ensure that the centre complies with Trade Waste Acceptance Criteria, which can be found on our website:

www.gww.com.au

Don't flush wet wipes

Wet wipes and cleansing cloths should not be flushed down the toilet, even ones marked 'flushable'. These products often do not break down easily and cause problems in Greater Western Water's sewerage system.

For more information call us on 9313 8366, email **tradewaste@gww.com.au** or speak to your centre's GWW Representative.