



CONSENT APPLICATION PROCESS

Tankered Waste

PRACTICE NOTE TW05

This Practice Note is part of a series of notes developed to assist with the use and implementation of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council's Trade Waste Bylaw 2021.

What is tankered waste?

Water or other liquid, including waste matter in solution or suspension, which is conveyed by vehicle for disposal, excluding domestic sewage discharged directly from house buses, caravans, buses and similar vehicles.

Waste from holding tanks

Waste from holding tanks (excluding septic tanks) must have Council written approval prior to transferring to the Approved Location. This is the responsibility of the Premises that has responsibility for the holding tank. The waste characteristics must be known and supplied to Council.

Tankered waste companies must make sure that written approval has been sought prior to picking up the waste.

When is a trade waste consent application for tankered waste required?

Tankered waste will be subject to a more structured management and control approach going forwards.

All companies intending to discharge, or discharging tankered waste to the wastewater system must apply for permission to discharge tankered waste.

Why is a trade waste application required for tankered waste?

Tankered waste dischargers need to apply to Council, so that Council can understand the scale of the operation, the nature of the wastes proposed to be discharged, and also what access is required at the Approved Location.

How do I apply for a conditional tankered waste consent?

Companies wishing to discharge tankered trade waste should use the Tankered Waste application form, found on Council's website in the trade waste section.

Tankered waste to be discharged to the wastewater network can only do so at an approved location – this is normally one of the wastewater treatment plants, and is stated once the consent to discharge is granted.

The details provided on the application form allow Council to understand the scale of the tankered waste operation, and access requirements at the Approved Location.

The consent, once granted, will state conditions such as the records required to be submitted to Council, the types of discharges allowed, any requirements of Council systems the operator is to use, and Approved Location site requirements. A site induction for each driver will be required prior to their first discharge at the Approved Location.

What happens once I have lodged an application with Council?

Once your application is received by Council, along with the application fee, Council will confirm (in writing) they have all the information they require, and how long it will take to process your application if longer than 15 working days. If Council does not have sufficient information to proceed with your application, they will let you know what further information is required, and when it is required by in order to progress your application.

Once your application is confirmed as complete, Council will contact you to discuss your application further, particularly with respect to proposed consent conditions and monitoring requirements.

Why are conditions required?

Consent conditions are set based on what the wastewater network can receive. By controlling and managing what goes into the wastewater system, Council can make sure it's safe for workers, the infrastructure is not compromised, and the system can operate at its optimum, therefore protecting the environment.

What happens if my application is declined?

Council will discuss your application with you prior to making any decision. In order for Council to accept your discharge and issue a consent to discharge, you may be required to manage how you discharge your tankered waste at the Approved Location due to constraints with the wastewater system. Some types of tankered waste may not be acceptable for discharge into the wastewater network, in which case they will need to be tankered to a suitable alternative facility.

If you cannot meet Council's requirements in order for it to accept your trade waste, your application will be declined, and the reasoning will be provided to you.

Should you require a review of the decision if you are not satisfied, you can contact the Chief Executive of Council no later than 20 working days after the decision notification, requesting them to review the decision. The decision of the Chief Executive shall be final.

What happens if you change your activity?

If your activity changes at any time, you intend to cease discharging tankered waste, or your business moves, please notify Council. This helps Council understand what is discharging where in the wastewater system, and how it may affect Council's operation. Council also need to know about ownership changes.

You will be liable for all charges until Council acknowledges the ceasing of your discharge.

My consent is about to expire, what should I do?

Council will be in contact with you prior to your consent expiring. You will be required to re-apply for a consent to discharge tankered waste into the Council wastewater system.

