



Trade Effluent Guidance

Trade effluent is anything which is not domestic sewage (toilet, bath or handwashing waste) or uncontaminated surface water and roof drainage (rainwater).

Any waste water produced in the course of construction is classed as “trade effluent”. Trade Effluent will include any waste water derived from concrete washout activities, surface waters containing sediment, road sweeper waters (of which we wish to discharge to sewer) etc.

Construction sites do not need to apply for consent for the temporary discharge of domestic type sewage from cabins.



Water companies need to know if we plan to discharge anything other than domestic waste into a drain which is connected to a public sewer. It is our responsibility to obtain consent prior to commencing any trade effluent discharge.

How to apply for trade effluent consent

England

If you think you need a trade effluent consent, you will need to get in touch with your water retailer for the site (bill provider NOT water company – see the [Open Water](#) website for details).

They will give you a Trade Effluent Application form (G/02 Form) and assist you in completing it. Once you have completed the form and submit it to your retailer, they will check it and send it to the water company for assessment.

Once the complete application form is accepted by the water company, they will initiate the assessment, keeping you and your water retailer informed about key stages in the decision process.

Wales

Applications must be made via [Welsh Water](#).

Scotland

Scottish Water controls trade effluent discharges to our sewers through a system of permits known as Consents and Letters of Authorisation. Applications must be made via [Scottish Water](#).

Monitoring

All discharges must be monitored (and paid for). Any consent document will contain conditions such as the:

- maximum daily volume of effluent permitted to be discharged
- maximum consented rate of discharge, and
- prohibition of certain constituents from any discharge.

Other parameters may be required to be monitored as part of the consent.

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