

## What is the difference between Stormwater, Sewage and Trade Waste?

**Stormwater** is rainwater that flows from roofs, gutters, roads, footpaths and your garden when it rains. Stormwater is not treated or cleaned of impurities before entering our local creeks, rivers, wetlands and the beach via the stormwater drainage system.

**Domestic sewage** is sewage that is discharged to the water authority's sewerage system. This waste comes from toilets, bathrooms, laundries and domestic kitchens. The waste is treated at a treatment plant to remove organic material, sludge and pollutants before being discharged into the natural environment.

**Trade waste** is any waste water discharged to the sewerage system that is NOT domestic sewage. This can include waste water from take away shops, restaurants and any other commercial or industrial discharge. Most trade waste discharges require some form of pre-treatment prior to being discharged to sewer. For example, grease traps are used in most food businesses to capture waste prior to discharging to sewer.



管理好餐館中的垃圾，保護當地水道免受污染

您的餐館可能產生廢油、洗滌劑、清潔用品和垃圾等污染。這些東西如果進入下水道，就會流進雨水排放系統，然後進入當地的水道。

企業如不使用阻油裝置而污染我們的水道，就將按規定受到處理和罰款。

如果您在減低餐館對環境影響方面需要協助，請與Monash市政府聯絡。

Προστατέψτε τα τοπικά κανάλια μας από τη μόλυνση ελέγχοντας τα απόβλητα του εστιατορίου σας

Στη μόλυνση απ' το εστιατόριό σας περιλαμβάνονται άχρηστα λάδια, απορρυπαντικά, προϊόντα καθαρισμού και σκουπίδια. Αν αυτά τα υλικά εισέλθουν στο φρεάτιο, θα μεταφερθούν μέσω του δικτύου ομβρίων υδάτων και θα καταλήξουν στα τοπικά κανάλια μας.

Ισχύουν κανονισμοί και κυρώσεις για τις επιχειρήσεις αυτές που δεν διαθέτουν σύστημα κατακράτησης λιπαρών ουσιών και μολύνουν τα κανάλια μας.

Αν χρειάζεστε βοήθεια για να μειώσετε τις περιβαλλοντικές συνέπειες του εστιατορίου σας, επικοινωνήστε με το Δήμο Monash.

## Protect our local waterways from pollution by managing waste in your food business



Monash Wetlands

Port Phillip Bay



To learn more about stormwater please access the following resources:

EPA Victoria:	Ph: 03 9695 2722	<a href="http://www.epa.vic.gov.au">www.epa.vic.gov.au</a>
Melbourne Water:	Ph: 131 722	<a href="http://www.melbournewater.com.au">www.melbournewater.com.au</a>
Yarra Valley Water:	Ph: 131 721	<a href="http://www.yvw.com.au">www.yvw.com.au</a>
South East Water:	Ph: 03 9552 3000	<a href="http://www.southeastwater.com.au">www.southeastwater.com.au</a>

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# What can **YOU** do to protect our local waterways?

## Grease Traps

Most food businesses must have a grease trap installed by a licensed plumber and maintained by the food business operator. The grease trap is designed to collect fat, oil and greasy wastes.

If your grease trap does not work properly, you may be allowing discharges into either the stormwater or sewerage system, causing major environmental damage to our local waterways.

## Tips to Prevent Pollution

- Have your grease trap emptied regularly - at least every 3-4 months depending on the size of your business
- Inspect your grease trap weekly to help prevent blockages and overflows
- Educate employees about which sinks can be used to wash greasy equipment
- Clean exhaust canopies and flues on a regular basis to stop grease leaking from roof exhaust fans into the stormwater system

Deposit waste oil in storage containers for recycling instead of tipping it into the sink or drain.



Sweep the floors and dispose of rubbish into a bin rather than washing it down the drain.



Lock down your bins to prevent waste from escaping into the drain.



## Regulations and Penalties

For advice on the correct installation and location of grease traps, please contact your local water authority.

Your local business directory will provide information on grease trap cleaning services, waste oil recycling units and waste oil disposal.

Heavy penalties may apply if incorrect waste oil disposal is detected.