

Legal requirements

- Christchurch City Trade Waste Bylaw 2015
- New Zealand Building Code G13 – Foul Water
- New Zealand Building Code G14 – Industrial Liquid Waste

You need to have a Trade Waste Consent to discharge to the sewer and may require operation controls to be in accordance with an approved Environmental Management Plan. Because the installation of the washdown area involves drainage alterations, a Building Consent is required.

Unroofed washdown area

An open unprotected area of impervious paving would be acceptable up to a maximum of 250m², providing any attached shelter had the roof water discharged to the stormwater system. The washdown area should be graded 1:40.

Roofed washdown area

These areas can be as extensive as Christchurch City Council Consent requirements allow, providing an approved drainage and disposal system is incorporated.

Maintenance

It is the occupier's responsibility to ensure the wash pad is maintained in effective working order. If the pad is not maintained, the occupier may be liable for any costs of damages to the sewer and the Trade Waste Consent may be withdrawn.

Contact details

For further information please contact:

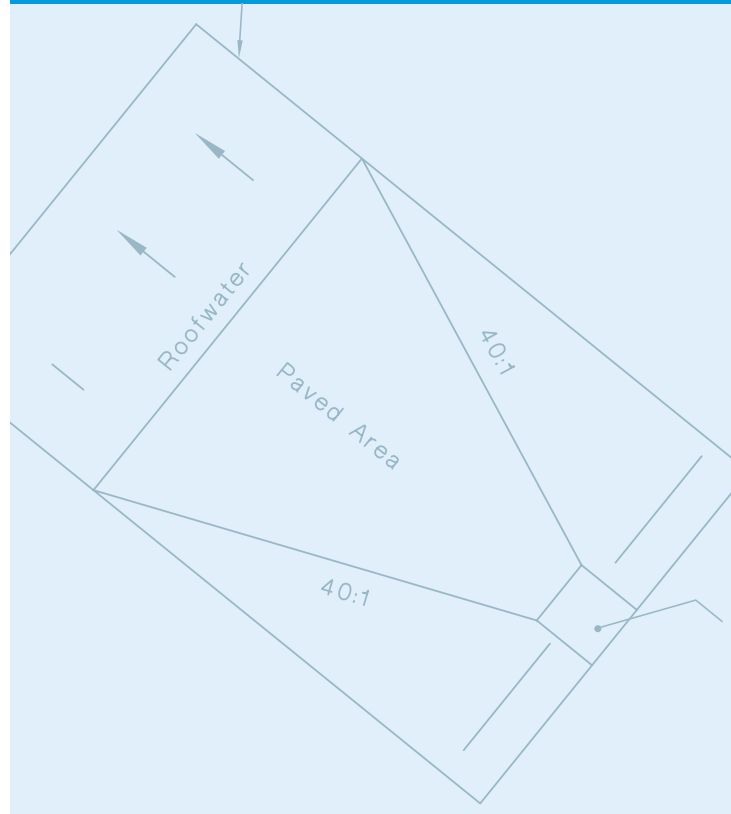
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Washdown Area <250m²



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Why do we need it?

The runoff from surfaces like roofs, yards, roads, driveways and other waterproof surfaces is channelled into the stormwater pipes through stormwater grates in road gutters, yards and parking lots. The stormwater pipes carry this runoff away to discharge into the nearest stream, lake, underground soakhole or beach. This means that any wastes that get into stormwater pipes will end up in our streams or groundwater aquifers, and can cause:

- Direct threat to wildlife and ecological systems
- Release of toxic or poisonous fumes in the sewer
- Fire and explosion
- Water quality degradation used for domestic water supplies and stock watering.

Why do we need it?

All premises that have the need for a small wash pad smaller than 250m².

Truck, car wash and parts wash pads need to be fitted with an adequately sized petrol and oil interceptor, whereas dog kennel and cattery wash pads can be connected to a normal gully trap.

Size and design

The general design is outlined in the accompanying drawings. Larger versions are available from our webpage ccc.govt.nz/services/wastewater/trade-waste

Before installing the washdown area you need to discuss your design and further requirements with a Technical Services Officer at the Civic Offices.

