

# Hair Salons, Barbers, and Pet Groomers



Hair salons, barbers and pet groomers are generally considered Minor Industrial Users, and therefore must submit a Minor Industrial User Pretreatment Review application for any work being proposed at their business or any change in their business practices that could affect the makeup or volume of their sewer discharge.

This bulletin has been designed to assist applicants proposing to connect a hair salon, barber, or pet grooming business to the sewer system (or open a new business in a building that is already connected) in support of a Pretreatment Review Application for the Pierce County Sewer Utility Division. It contains information on the steps, requirements, and resources available to you through your application process. This document is a guide only and should not be misconstrued as a replacement or revision of the Pierce County Code and associated Sewer Utility design and construction standards.

## **What kind of information do I need to submit with my Pretreatment Review Application Form?**

2. Provide three (3) copies of the following with your initial submittal:
  - a. Floor Plan. Show location of sinks/tubs, workstations, clothes washer, location of chemical storage, overall layout of operation.
  - b. Plumbing Plan. May be shown schematically on floor plan (show plumbing fixtures, piping, and connection point) or submitted as a separate set of plans.
  - c. See **Bulletin #B4 Floor/Plumbing Plans** for more information.
  
3. Provide two (2) copies of the following:
  - a. Hair trap drawing (catalog cut sheet). The hair trap is to be a plumbing fixture. A screen in the bottom of the tub is not acceptable.
  - b. Lint trap drawings (if there are washing machines on-site). Please note the lint trap is to be a wall mounted or floor type trap – a sock type is not acceptable.
  - c. Estimated Water Usage. See **Bulletin #B5 Documented Water Use Data** for more information.
  - d. Spill Prevention Plan. Chemicals and cleaning supplies shall not be stored over or within the vicinity of the floor/mop sink. Verify that chemicals will not be stored in areas that will allow chemicals to directly spill into plumbing fixtures connected to the sanitary sewer, if chemicals are stored over sinks/mop sinks or wash basin provide details on spill prevention measures.
  - e. Material Safety Data Sheet for chemicals used on-site. (Please note if you are providing a large quantity of MSDS, provide copies in electronic format such as a disk).

### **Are there any pre-approved traps that I can use?**

Yes. You can choose from a list of pre-approved hair and/or lint traps. Please see **Bulletin #B6 Traps** for a list of pre-approved lint traps and the required submittal information for each type of trap.

- a. You must indicate the location, make, model, and size of the appropriate trap on your Floor Plan and submit it with the appropriate Pretreatment Review application.
- b. Depending on the trap that you choose, you may have to submit two sets of catalog cut sheets and supporting sizing data.
- c. The traps are to be cleaned regularly and the trapped waste disposed of to a proper solid waste receptacle (or to an approved disposal site, if required).
- d. Traps are to be plumbed into the system. Removable screens are typically not acceptable in lieu of plumbed traps.

### **Where can I get the forms that I need?**

Sewer Utility Division Standard Plans and Forms can be downloaded in PDF format from the following webpage: [www.piercecountywa.org/sewer](http://www.piercecountywa.org/sewer)

Completed applications and fees (make checks out to Pierce County) must be delivered in person to:

Pierce County Sewer Utility – Permits  
2401 South 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 150  
Tacoma, WA 98409-7494

Or mailed to:

Pierce County Sewer Utility – Engineering  
9850 - 64<sup>th</sup> Street West  
University Place, WA 98467-1078

If you have any questions, please contact either:

A Sewer Utility Permit Technician at (253) 798-2737, or  
A Sewer Utility Engineer at (253) 798-4050