

GREASE TRAP REQUIREMENTS

THIS DOCUMENT WAS DESIGNED TO ANSWER SOME OF THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING GREASE TRAPS

All users involved in the preparation of food for commercial purposes shall provide oil/grease interceptors or traps. Additionally, any user who generates wastewater which contains greater than 100 mg/l of grease/oil, and provided that the excess oil and grease is floatable and can be effectively removed in an oil/grease interceptor or trap, then said user will be required to install a grease/oil interceptor.

All users whose wastewater stream is associated with unusually large quantities of grit, sand, or gravel shall be required to install a sand trap. All car/truck wash systems shall be required to install sand traps.

All car/truck wash systems shall have their sand trap systems pumped at a minimum of twice per year or every six months. The City may require said businesses to pump on a more frequent basis if usage and sand collection quantities so dictate.

No grease trap shall be smaller than 1,500 gallons or larger than 3,000 gallons. All grease interceptors must have a basket strainer installed on the outlet end to the City's sewer system equivalent to the Polylok PL-625 Effluent Strainer 1/32" filtration slots 10,000 GPD flow grease filter.

Grease trap interceptors must have two access manholes one on each side of the interceptor for clean out and maintenance purposes. The manholes shall have a minimum of 1 inch rise above grade sloped to prevent storm water from entering the grease trap interceptor.

All grease, oil, and sand interceptors or traps shall be maintained by the user at the user's expense. The frequency of removal shall be such as to ensure that no overflows of oil, grease, or sand into the wastewater system escape. The City reserves the right to increase the frequency of pumping if during an inspection of the grease interceptor the City deems it necessary to prevent fats, oils, and grease from entering the City's sewer system.

It is the responsibility of the food establishment to have a certified and permitted transporter to remove the waste from their facility. The transporter shall be registered with the GA EPD, have appropriate FOG #, and permitted through a Local Governing Authority.

Restaurants or food establishments must notify the City's Pretreatment Coordinator at least one hour in advance of the grease interceptor being pumped for inspection by a City employee. Failure to notify the City before pumping for inspection will be subject to punishment in accordance with Section 1-12 of the Municipal Code. Grease interceptors must be pumped between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The number to notify the City is (706) 778-6461.

Users shall be responsible for the proper removal and disposal by appropriate means of the captured material, and shall maintain records of the dates, means of disposal which are subject to review by the City. A manifest record shall be maintained for a minimum of three years at generator's establishment.

Restaurants or food establishments who do not have their grease interceptor pumped within 7 days of their last scheduled pumping will be subject to punishment in accordance with Section 1-12 of the Municipal Code.

At a minimum, grease, oil, and sand interceptors or traps shall be maintained at the following intervals:

Monthly for establishments serving an average of 200 or more customers per day.

Quarterly for establishments serving an average of 1-200 customers per day.

Under the sink grease traps shall be maintained monthly. The GA EPD requires that all grease be transported and removed by a permitted transporter and disposed of at a state certified grease collection site. **It is illegal for you to clean your under the sink grease trap and dispose of it yourself.**

Within (45) days of a pumping or maintenance activity, each generator shall submit manifest of proper maintenance and disposal of the commercial wastes to the City. The following information, as applicable, must be provided as a minimum. Failure to submit the following data may result in punishment under Section 1-12 of the Municipal Code. All three sections must be completed on the manifest to be accepted by the City. The manifest shall be a state approved certified manifest for grease disposal.

Please be advised this document contains minimal and basic information. This should only be used as a guide and does not contain all the necessary information pertaining to your specific project. CONTACT Robert Gutowski, Building Inspector 706-894-3075 for any questions or more information regarding permitting, city ordinances, inspections, and building codes.