

CITY OF SLIDELL'S MISSION

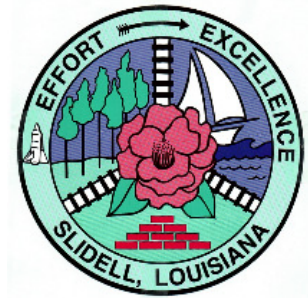
Our goal is to work with customers throughout Slidell and increase their awareness in regards to proper grease trap maintenance and upkeep. Failure to work together may result in unnecessary plumbing costs, non-compliance fees and downtime for your facility.

We look forward to working with you to achieve our goal. Please feel free to contact our office at any time. We will be glad to help answer any questions you might have.



WHO DO I CONTACT TO ASK QUESTIONS?

Please call the City of Slidell Office of Public Utilities at 985-646-4291 or online at www.slidell.la.us.



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*Grease Trap/ Interceptor
Information and Requirements*



City Ordinance Section 28-130C

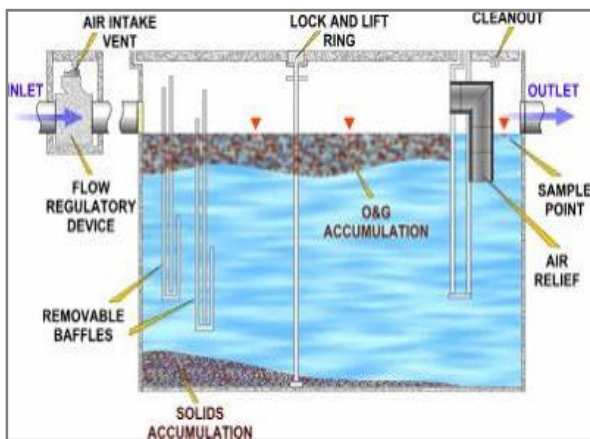
GREASE TRAPS

In wastewater collection and treatment business, grease is a big problem! Grease is singled out for special attention because of its poor solubility in water and its tendency to coat surfaces. Warm grease is liquid and may not appear harmful, but as the liquid cools and the grease congeals, it may stick to surfaces, which may cause sewage backups or treatment plant problems.

WHY DO I NEED A GREASE TRAP?

Your grease trap has been designed to filter or “trap” grease or food waste in order to prevent it from flowing into the main line where it could create a “clog”. Most townships or municipalities periodically test the grease content of their waste system. If high levels are indicated, they attempt to locate the generator of the grease. Fines or surcharges can be levied. Therefore, regular maintenance of your grease trap is important.

A TYPICAL GREASE TRAP DESIGN



WHY DO I NEED TO PERFORM REGULAR MAINTENANCE ON MY GREASE TRAP?

Regular maintenance is essential for peak performance. Each system is unique in its requirements, ranging from frequency of pumping to high pressure jet cleaning. Grease can accumulate differently depending upon the type of food served and if the screens, filters, or baskets are used properly in the kitchen areas. Many clog situations will occur if baskets are removed during clean up and debris is flushed down the drain. Your grease trap could require regular cleaning from one time weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.

HOW IS MY TRAP CLEANED?

Pumping of solids and grease that accumulated inside your trap is performed by vacuuming out your trap. This is completed by using a vacuum truck. Vacuum service companies may also utilize a high pressure jet machine to clean the walls and baffles of your trap.

HOW CAN MY STAFF HELP ELIMINATE BACKUPS IN MY FACILITY?

There are several tips that can help eliminate backups or grease related problems. Make sure that all your sink baskets and strainers are in place. Bolt them down if you must. Resist the temptation to remove sink screens or drain baskets. Make sure that all floor drain covers are secured tightly and cannot be easily removed. Also make sure you have secure screen cover on the mop sink drain. Consider an alternative to paper towels for public restrooms. Paper towels in the drain line will cause problems with a perfectly plumbed pipe. Schedule high pressure jetting of inside and outside lines at least annually or semi-annually. Do not pour grease directly down your drains.

INSPECTION INFORMATION/CUSTOMER REQUIREMENTS

City of Slidell inspectors will make inspections of facilities that are required to have a grease trap. Customers must be able to produce service contract information which shall include the company's name, phone number and the last date the grease trap was cleaned or serviced. Grease traps must be accessible at all times. If upon inspection your grease trap is found to be in non-compliance, the City inspector will issue a notice of violation. This notice will advise the customer of their violation and will indicate a time frame for the customer to bring the trap in compliance. If the trap is not brought up to compliance within the timeframe given on the violation notice, then a citation will be issued.