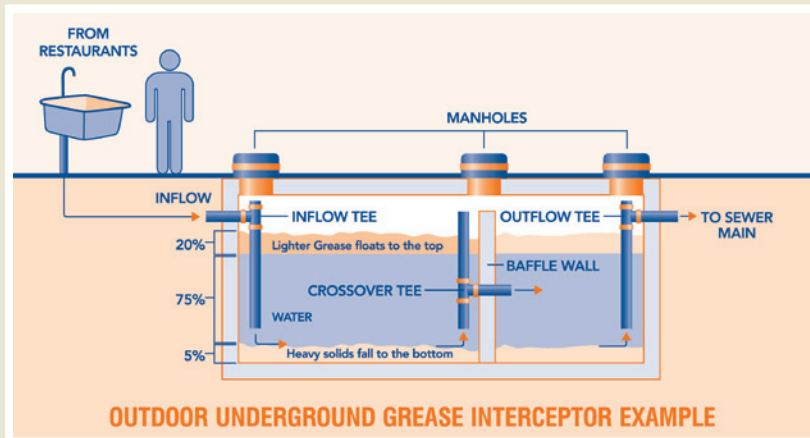


GREASE INTERCEPTOR MAINTENANCE



INTRODUCTION

A grease interceptor is an outdoor underground device that removes fats, oils and grease (FOG) from wastewater before it enters the sewer. Wastewater enters the interceptor from kitchen drains, and is slowed down so solids can settle to the bottom. Grease, being lighter than water, floats to the top. The grease interceptor should be pumped completely every three months. The greasy content of the interceptor pumped out is known as the “brown” grease and is generally disposed at a wastewater treatment facility, but may become part of renewable energy sources in the future.



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Follow the **Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils and Grease Best Management Practices (BMPs)** instruction sheet so interceptors do not have to be pumped as frequently.

MAINTENANCE

Have the interceptor pumped out completely at least once every three months. When possible, supervise all cleaning and maintenance of grease interceptors to make sure all FOG (liquids and solids) are removed from the interceptor after pumping.

GREASE WASTE HAULER

A licensed Grease Hauler should record the volume of grease and liquid removed and provide a receipt.

IF AN OVERFLOW OCCURS

We recommend you take the following actions:

- Stop the flow of water into kitchen drains that empty into the interceptor by turning the faucet(s) off.
- Stop any flow to a storm drain using absorbent materials, such as cat litter or dirt, and cleanup overflows.
- Call your local sewer agency at 916-264-5011 or 311 as soon as possible.
- Call a plumber to inspect sewer lines, verify the interceptor is working properly and clean up the spill.
- Never use water to hose or spray, fats, oils and grease (FOG) spills into a storm drain.
- When cleaning a small spill yourself, use absorbent materials, placing the used materials in a separate sealed bag before throwing away.
- Clean sewer lines from the interceptor outlet to the main sewer line, in addition to cleaning the lines from the building to the interceptor.

Prevent outdoor grease overflows from impacting public health and the environment, including storm drains, by properly disposing of FOG and maintaining your grease removal device.

