

City of Sherman Ordinance 13.07.760

Fats, Oils, Grease and Sediment Control

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- **Pumping Requirements:** The city of Sherman has established guidelines for regular trap service and maintenance. All users with a trap must meet these requirements:
 - All areas around grease traps must be kept clean, accessible, and free of any material which would cause objectionable wastes or odors.
 - Traps may not be modified in any way that allows wastes from passing through the treatment device into the sewer collection system.
 - During cleaning activities, the user must ensure that the pumper removes all residues from the piping and walls of the treatment device. The trap should be inspected by the user to ensure that the integrity of the trap is maintained.
 - Traps **MUST** be pumped every 90 days. More often pumping will be required if/when:
 - a) 25% or more of the wetted capacity of the trap is solids and or grease.
 - b) The discharge of a user is more than the limit for oil and grease of 200mg/L or exceeds limits as specified for non-domestic parameters
 - c) If the user has a history of non-compliance or the user contributes to blockages which cause a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)
 - d) If the current trap is inadequate for the facility and undersized.
 - All grease trap waste haulers must be permitted by the State and Local Governments. To obtain a complete list of approved haulers contact the Grayson County Health Department at 903-465-2878 X 241, 242, 243, 244.
- **Fees:** The City of Sherman Pretreatment department may assess fees for services rendered to users upon inspection, investigations, sampling, and trap sizing, field violations, etc...
- **Additional Information:** For additional details on the City of Sherman FOG Ordinance, please check out our website at www.cityofsherman.org/municode.asp and follow the link to connect to the ordinance online.



For General City of Sherman Information:

City of Sherman
P.O. Box 1106
Sherman, TX 75091
903-892-7206

For Specific Inquiries:

Pretreatment Services
903-892-7036

Website: <http://www.cityofsherman.org/>



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Fats, Oils, and Grease Pollution Prevention

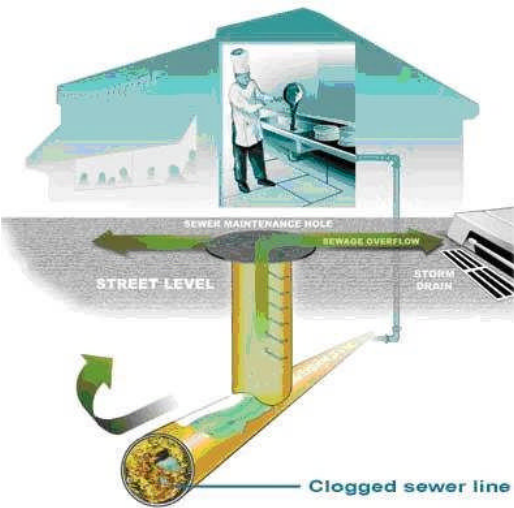


Guide to

Commercial Liquid Waste
For
Food Service Providers

Common sources of Fats, Oils, and Grease

- Meats fats
- Lard
- Shortening
- Butter
- Dairy Products
- Margarine
- Greasy food scraps
- Baked Goods
- Sauces
- Cooking Oil
- Salad dressing



Why should I care about FOG?

Over time, kitchen grease and other fats, oils, and greases that are poured down the sink or garbage disposal will enter the sewer system and clog pipes as the grease hardens.



These pipe blockages can send wastewater backwards and out of manholes into our streets and waterways. Overflows result in property damage, costly repairs, insects and rodents, and even threaten public health.

Other Helpful Hints

- **DO NOT** pour oil, grease, and/or scraps down the drain.
- Pour oils and grease into collection containers that can be sealed.
- Scrape left-over scraps into the trash. Avoid using a garbage disposal.
- Include a Catch Basket or Strainer in the sink to prevent larger food particles from going down the drain.
- **DO NOT** hose FOG waste into storm drains.
- Prevent FOG slip, trip, fall injuries by addressing spills as soon as they occur.
- Schedule FOG pick-ups to accommodate FOG generation and City Ordinance specifications.

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Highlights of the FOG Ordinance have been provided, but are not all inclusive of the material and should not be substituted for the Ordinance in its entirety.

- **Objective:** To prevent wastewater collection system blockages and treatment inhibitions from discharges containing fats, oils, and grease.
- **Applicability:** This division applies to all non-domestic users with the potential to discharge fats, oils, grease and other harmful wastes into the wastewater collection system.
- **Prohibitions:**
 - Discharges of yellow grease or waste oil into the public sewer is prohibited. Such waste shall be recycled or disposed of properly by suitable institutions.
 - No person shall bypass any installed treatment device or sample port to avoid complying with the requirements of the FOG Ordinance.
 - Solids should not accumulate more than 25% of the capacity of a treatment device.
 - The waste stream shall not be diluted in lieu of adequate treatment or installation of treatment devices.
 - Additives shall not be introduced into a treatment device that results in the pass through of fats, oils, and grease into the sewer system.
- **Requirement of Treatment Devices:** Treatment devices shall be installed for all new restaurants established or existing restaurants undergoing plumbing changes and or renovation after December 1, 2008.
 - The City of Sherman may require an existing user that ceases operation, or changes ownership to install new or additional treatment.
 - A facility shall not re-commence any operations until installed treatment devices and sample ports are inspected by the City Plumbing Inspector and Industrial Pretreatment Department.
 - In any instance where the City feels that an existing device is ineffective or inadequate, or that the need for one is necessary to protect public health and the environment, a new device that meets current standards may be required.

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