

## What Restaurant and Building Owners Need To Know About Grease Traps or Interceptors

Restaurants, cafeterias, and fast-food establishments spend tens of thousands of dollars on plumbing emergencies each year to deal with grease blockages and pump out grease traps and interceptors. Some cities also charge businesses for the repair of sewer pipes and spill cleanup if they can attribute the blockage to a particular business. Some cities also add a surcharge to wastewater bills if a business exceeds a specified discharge limit. These expenses can be significant.

For grease traps or interceptors to work correctly, it must be properly:

- Sized and manufactured to handle the amount of expected material
- Installed correctly with outlet drains in the proper place
- Cleaned and serviced on a consistent basis



## PINEBLUFF FOG PROGRAM

The upcoming holidays are times of social and family gatherings which includes more cooking and meal preparation. Additional attention should be given to appropriate disposal of oils and grease. The Town of Pinebluff appreciates our citizen's help and cooperation with preventing sanitary sewer blockages and overflows.



## Let Us Hear From You

The monthly Town meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Pinebluff Town Hall. If you would like to learn more about your community, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings.

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# Town of Pinebluff

## PROPER DISPOSAL OF FATS, OILS, & GREASE (FOG)



## Fats, oils , and greases aren't just bad for arteries and waistlines; they're bad for sewers, too.

Fatty, oily, greasy foods can be unhealthy for our bodies but they are also unhealthy for our sewers. When fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are sent down the drains, they stick to the pipe and build up on each other, narrowing or even altogether clogging the pipe.



Inevitably when pipes are clogged it causes a messy, expensive, and potentially harmful backup and sewer overflow.

Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors and may even enter and pollute our local bodies of water. A common cause of overflows is sewer pipes blocked by grease. Grease gets into the sewer from household drains as well as from poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses.

## Helping To Prevent Sewer Overflows and Backups Is Easy.

Grease is a byproduct of cooking that comes from meat fats, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baked goods, sauces and dairy products. When washed down the sink, grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the street). Over time, it can build up and block an entire pipe.

The results can be:

- Raw sewage overflowing in your home or the house next door.
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by you, the home or business owner.
- Raw sewage overflowing into parks, yards, and streets.
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms.
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs for the Town, which leads to higher sewer bills for customers.



## You Can Help!

Help prevent sewer overflows by:

- Never pouring grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- Scraping grease and food scraps into a can or the trash for disposal (or recycling where available).
- Putting baskets/ strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and emptying them into the trash.
- Speaking with your friends and neighbors about how to keep grease out of sewers.

## ¡Usted puede ayudar!

Ayude a evitar derrames en las alcantarillas de las siguientes maneras:

- No vierta nunca grasa por el desagüe del fregadero ni en inodoros.
- Raspe la grasa y las sobras de comida y colóquelas en una lata o en la basura para desecharlas (o reciclarlas, si dispone de esta opción).
- Ponga filtros o coladores en los desagües de los fregaderos para atrapar las sobras de comida y otros sólidos, y deseche su contenido en la basura
- Hable con sus amigos y vecinos sobre cómo impedir que la grasa entre en las alcantarinas