

Managing FATS, OIL and GREASE

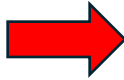
WRONG WAY



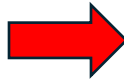
1. DO NOT pour cooking residue directly into the drain.



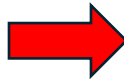
2. DO NOT dispose of food waste into the garbage disposal.



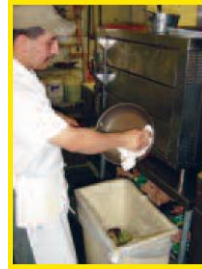
3. DO NOT pour waste oil directly into the drain.



4. DO NOT wash floor mats where water will run off directly into the storm drain.



RIGHT WAY



1. Wipe pots, pans, and work areas prior to washing.



2. Dispose food waste directly into the trash.



3. Collect waste oil and store for recycling.



4. Clean mats inside over a utility sink.



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Grease Trap Maintenance

What is the Purpose of a Grease Trap?

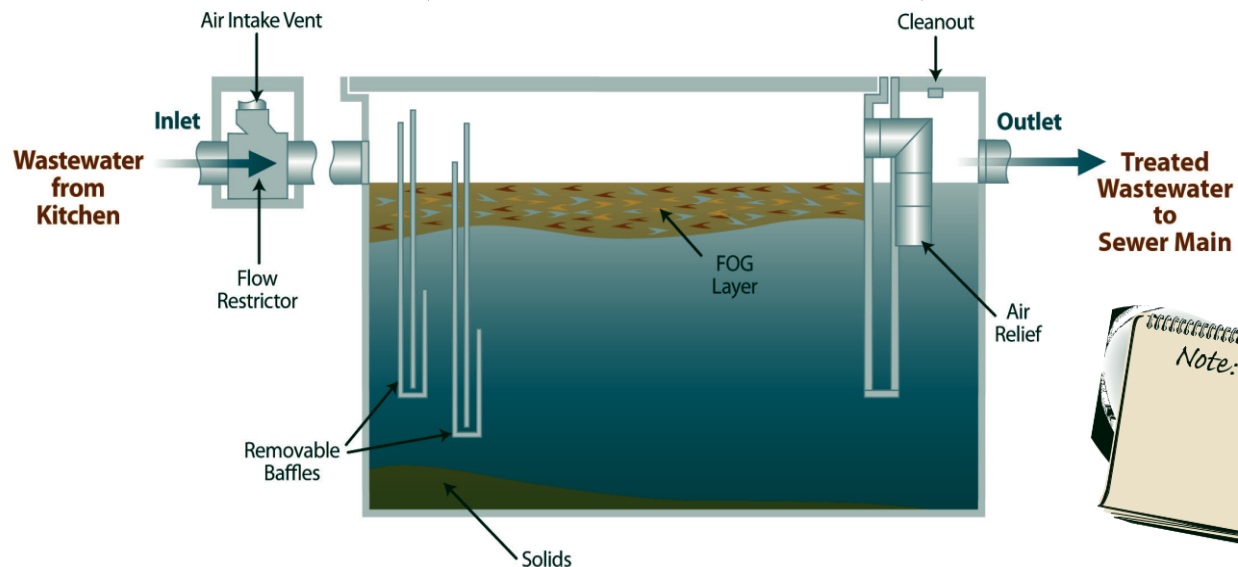
- A grease trap is designed to separate Fats, Oils, and Grease and solid food waste from your kitchen wastewater.
- Buildup of FOG and solid food waste in your plumbing may cause blockages in either your plumbing or the sanitary sewer lines. This can lead to an overflow into your building, a neighbor's building, streets, or the environment. It is important to clean your grease trap regularly.

Cleaning Frequency

- Grease traps should be cleaned at least once every 30 days. More frequent cleaning may be necessary if:
- Your sinks are draining slowly, possibly due to buildups in the trap.
- Water levels in the trap or floor drains are high, possibly due to grease-related blockages in your plumbing.
- The grease trap smells bad because solids are filling the bottom of the trap quickly.
- Your trap is not sized correctly for your restaurant operations, menu, or number of meals served.

Common Problems Leading to Grease Trap Repair or Replacement

- Grease trap installed backwards, without flow controls, or otherwise in violation of plumbing codes or manufacturer specifications.
- Missing or damaged parts, such as the removable baffle plates.
- Leaks due to rust holes or punctures in the walls or floors.
- Illegal connection to the dishwasher or garbage grinder to the grease trap.



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