

Grease Interceptor Maintenance Information Handout

General policies

Periodic inspection and maintenance of exterior grease interceptors is essential for proper operation and to ensure that effluent does not exceed limits described in the *Bloomington City Code*.

Records of inspections and pump-outs must be kept on site for a period of three (3) years and must be made available to City staff upon request.

Grease interceptors must be inspected at an interval not to exceed three (3) months and pumped out completely at an interval not to exceed 12 months.

Recommended pumping practices

The owner, manager or employee of the business served by the grease interceptor must require the waste hauling contractor to evacuate all contents, including floating materials, wastewater, bottom sludge and solids. The use of hot water, acids, caustics, solvents or emulsifying agents when cleaning grease interceptors is prohibited.

After pump-out, all accessible interior surfaces of the grease interceptor shall be scraped and then washed down, followed by complete removal of the residue. The attending representative of the business must make a complete and appropriate entry in the grease interceptor maintenance log.

The owner/operator of any grease interceptor in the city of Bloomington must ensure that no removed contents of the interceptor are separated, decanted, backwashed or otherwise placed back into the interceptor.

The owner/operator shall be responsible for ensuring that no waste or wastewater pumped from the grease interceptor is reintroduced back into the collection system, storm sewer, the environment, or is otherwise disposed of improperly.

