Things to Remember

- Clean interceptor per the required maintenance schedule established by city ordinance. At a minimum, cleaning is required every 90 days; if interceptor does not meet the 250 gallon minimum capacity requirements, it must be cleaned more frequently.

- Ensure liquid waste hauler has a City of Irving Liquid Waste Hauler permit.

- Be present for the cleaning performed by the liquid waste hauler.

- Write legibly on the Liquid Waste Transportation Trip Ticket.

- Retain trip tickets for a period of three years.

- Ensure facility is adhering to good house-keeping practices regarding stormwater pollution prevention.
What is a Grease Interceptor?

A grease interceptor, commonly referred to as a grease trap, is installed on the wastewater discharge of any facility that prepares or serves food.

Grease interceptors trap grease generated by the facility to prevent it from entering the city's wastewater mains. It is vital to keep wastewater mains flowing free and clear of grease buildup.

The city's ordinance regulates the maintenance and transportation of liquid waste generated from grease interceptors.

Maintenance Requirements

Businesses are required by city ordinance to empty the grease interceptors, at a minimum, every 90 days, or more often as necessary to prevent costly sanitary sewer overflows. The City of Irving does not allow the use of bacteria or enzyme treatments in lieu of proper maintenance.

Impacts of FOG on Stormwater System

Storm drains are designed to collect rainwater runoff only and empty directly into creeks, rivers and streams. Any substances rinsed into storm drains endangers the environment and wildlife. While it may be less work to rinse leaves, debris or used greywater (mop water, equipment washing) into storm drains, it can be dangerous to the environment.

Guidelines

- Outside pavement washing is not allowed unless all liquids and debris are recovered and disposed of properly.
- Outside used oil storage containers shall be covered securely and free of any spills or leaks.
- Mop water should never be dumped outside of business.
- Floor mats or other equipment should not be washed outside of business.
- Liquids of any type should never be squeegeed out of business into parking lots or storm drains.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a notice of violation or citation.

Who Does the Cleaning?

Liquid waste haulers who have been inspected and permitted by the City of Irving are the only contractors allowed to clean grease interceptors. A list of liquid waste haulers is at Cityof Irving.org/2927/Permitted-Transporters.

Liquid Waste Trip Tickets

Permitted liquid waste haulers will provide a trip ticket that ensures the following:

- The date and time of the cleaning
- The driver and company performing the service
- A representative from the establishment was present during the service
- The waste is transported to a facility that is regulated to accept the waste

Retain trip tickets, provided by the liquid waste hauler for a period of three years. Failure to do so will result in a citation.