



The City of Irving, Public Works Water Utilities Environmental Compliance Grease Trap Cleaning:

A Requirement and a Benefit

City of Irving Grease Trap Regulations

Grease traps shall be installed for every pre-sewer connection into which food waste, fats, grease and oils is discharged from any business, commercial or institutional food service, food preparation or food disposal operation. The installed grease trap shall be of a design and size approved by the City of Irving. Grease traps shall be cleaned and serviced a **minimum** of every 90 days, or **more often as necessary to retain the grease waste**. Proof of cleaning (City of Irving trip ticket) shall be on file at your establishment for three (3) years. Failure to use a City of Irving permitted waste hauler to service your grease trap, or to provide proper documentation of such cleaning is a violation of City of Irving Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinance Sec. 41-50. All violations of the City of Irving Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinance Sec. 41-50 are subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 per violation. In addition, grease related sewer blockage, sewer overflows and clean-ups that have accrued due to any violation of Sec. 41-50, the establishment or property management/owner might be required to reimburse the city for any cost incurred by the city.

All Food operations located in the City of Irving that have a grease trap, which is connected to the City of Irving sanitary sewer system, must comply with the grease trap-cleaning requirement.

Benefits

While this cleaning is required, it is also a benefit to both your establishment and the City of Irving. Properly maintained grease traps help to prevent sewer back-ups that could place companies in violation of a City of Irving Civil and Criminal Ordinance and may be costly to correct or even interfere with your ability to conduct business.

Enforcement of the Regulations

The regulations are enforced through a cooperative effort with several City of Irving Departments. These regulations are established by City of Irving Council and City of Irving Department Directors. Various departments are involved in the program. The Engineering Department oversees initial installation, Code Enforcement, Health Department and Water Utilities Environmental Compliance oversees cleaning requirements. Questions concerning grease trap installations can be directed to City of Irving Building Inspections Department at 972-721-2371. Questions concerning grease trap sizing and cleaning requirements should be directed to Water Utilities Environmental Compliance Division at 972-721-2281

Frequently Asked Questions

What Size of Grease Trap I am Required to Have?

Establishments with four fixtures or less shall require a minimum 250-gallon capacity grease trap/interceptor. More than four fixtures shall require a minimum 750-gallon capacity grease trap/interceptor. If replacing a trap and/or if the current size of trap is smaller than the one required for your Establishment, you must install a trap as required by this chapter. The following will be considered as fixtures:

- a. each utensil sink (not each compartment);
- b. each preparation sink;
- c. each mop sink;
- d. each dishwasher;
- e. all floor drains will be considered as one fixture;
- f. all hand sink(s) will be considered as one fixture.
- g. each cook top; and
- h. each deep fryer;

Who do I contact to empty my grease trap?

The City of Irving does not recommend any specific company. All companies that services traps in the City of Irving must have a valid City of Irving permit, or they must obtain a permit before they clean your trap and transport the waste. A list of all Permitted Liquid Waste Transporter can be found at www.cityofirving.org - Department, Water Utilities - Environmental Compliance. You may also pick up a list at 333 Valley View Ln or call 972-721-2281.

May I empty the trap myself?

You can only empty a self cleaning trap if you have supplied the City with all required documentations, **BUT ANY AND ALL WASTE REMOVED MUST BE DISPOSED PROPERLY AND ACCORDING TO ALL REGULATIONS.**

What is a Trip Ticket?

Trip Tickets is a signed legal document that tracks the liquid waste removed from your location to the disposal site. All City of Irving permitted liquid waste transporters are required to use a Trip Ticket. This document is supplied to the liquid waste transporter by the City of Irving. The Liquid Waste Transporter will issue a trip ticket for each trap they clean/service. You will be given a copy at time of service prior to disposal, and a second copy after waste disposal. You are required to keep a copy of every trip ticket you have received on file at your establishment for three (3) years.

TRIP TICKET IS YOUR PROOF OF SERVICE.

Note: your establishment is responsible for confirming the waste company has a valid City of Irving permit and utilizes valid City of Irving trip tickets. We can verify this information for you.

Storm Water Regulations

No washing of payment outside of an establishment is allowed unless all of the liquid waste and material is recovered and disposed of properly.

Absolutely no oil or grease is allowed to seep or spill from a drum, dumpster or storage containers of any kind. This includes driveways, parking area, streets and storm drains.

All oil/grease storage containers must be covered securely to keep rain and insects out, and oil/grease and odors in.

DO NOT empty/pour mop bucket water/waste, or wash floor pads/mats outside of the establishment.

Note: ALL CITY OF IRVING GREASE TRAP REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION.

For more information or questions, call 972-721-2281

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