

Did you know?

- Grease interceptors (aka grease traps) are a requirement for food service establishments (FSEs) where food is cooked, processed or prepared, whether or not the establishment has deep fryers
- FOG (Fat, Oil and Grease) is derived from products such as condiments, salad dressings, butter, lard, meat and vegetable oils; a grease interceptor also captures food solids that go down the drain!

Do I have the right grease interceptor?

- Most FSEs in Halifax have Hydromechanical Grease Interceptors (HGI), typically located inside the FSE
- Halifax Water requires all HGIs to be CSA approved
 - Any models that are not CSA approved must be replaced by January 1, 2024, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission
- Larger, Gravity Grease Interceptors (GGI) may also be used, which are usually installed outside below ground

What are the servicing requirements?

- Grease interceptors are required to be serviced before the amount of FOG and solids reaches 25% or once per month at minimum
- Several companies in the Halifax area offer cleaning services, or the unit can be serviced in-house
- A grease interceptor with signs of major wear, including rotten or missing baffles, or holes in the unit, will require replacement
- Submit your service records to grease@halifaxwater.ca



Corroded Grease Interceptor

Where can I get help installing or replacing a grease interceptor?

- Hire a professional plumber experienced with grease interceptors
- Halifax Water P2 staff can help to ensure you select a correctly sized, CSA approved interceptor

Why is regular servicing required?

- To help prevent wastewater backups
- To prolong the life of an interceptor and reduce odours
- To protect the environment from wastewater backups
- To keep you compliant with Halifax Water's regulations



Wastewater (Sewage) Overflow Caused by FOG in Halifax

For more information, contact us:

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Halifax Regional Water Commission Regulations, Section 70 available at halifaxwater.ca/rules-regulations