

Definitions

How to prevent fats, oils, and grease from damaging your business and the environment.

Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage property interiors, and threaten the environment. An increasingly common cause of overflows is sewer pipes blocked by grease. Grease gets into the sewer from poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses

City of Pembroke Pines

F.O.G. Record Keeping Program

On August 1st 2021 all Food Service Establishments (FSE) and Grease Waste Haulers/Maintainers, doing business in the City of Pembroke Pines are required to use the City's F.O.G. Online Record Keeping Program. It is fast; it is free and will save tax dollars.

All Food Service Establishments (FSE) located in the City of Pembroke Pines shall register with the City of Pembroke Pines' F.O.G. Online Record Keeping Program. Upon registration approval, the FSE will be issued password access and instruction on how to use the City's F.O.G. Online Record Keeping Program.

All Grease Waste Haulers/Maintainers doing business in the City of Pembroke Pines shall register with City of Pembroke Pines' F.O.G. Online Record Keeping Program. Upon registration approval, the Waste Hauler/ Maintainer will be issued password access and instruction on how to use the City's F.O.G. Online Record Keeping Program.

An inventory of all grease removal systems operating in the City will be conducted beginning August 1st, 2021. The inventory will require a site visit to all food service establishments to verify the number and size of the grease removal systems operating in the City of Pembroke Pines. The site visit is not an inspection and there will be no charge to food service establishment for the site visit.

Food Service Establishment (FSE) means any business or food service establishment, which prepares, processes, and/or packages food or beverages for sale or consumption, on or off-site, with the exception of private residences. Food service establishment shall include, but are not limited to:

Food Courts	Food Manufacturers	Food Packagers
Grocery Stores	Fast Food Restaurants	Full-Service Restaurants
Seasonal Restaurants	Coffee Shops Bakeries	Religious Institutions
Nursing Homes	Hotel/Motels w/Kitchens	Schools
Club/Organizations	Ice Cream Shops	Hospitals
Bars/Lounges/Clubs	Office Building w/Kitchens	Drive Thru (only)

Restaurant food service establishment owner means in the case of individual food service facilities, the owner or proprietor of the food service operation. Where the food service establishment is a franchise operation, the owner of the franchise is the responsible person or entity. Where the food service establishment operation is owned by a corporation, the corporate representative is the responsible entity. Where two or more food service facilities share a common grease interceptor, the owner shall be the individual who owns or assumes control of the grease interceptor or the property on which the grease interceptor is located.

Grease removal system separates grease from water. Food service facilities dispose water that contains grease. This grease can clog up sewers and cause massive damage to a city's system. A grease-removal device prevents grease from clogging pipes.

Examples of grease removal devices:

Grease interceptor is a device located underground and outside of a food service establishment designed to collect, contain or remove food wastes and grease from the waste stream while allowing the balance of the liquid waste to discharge to the wastewater collection system by gravity. Interceptors shall be in conformance with the provisions of the Florida Plumbing Code.

Grease trap is a device located in a food service establishment or under a sink designed to collect, contain or remove food wastes and grease from the waste stream while allowing the balance of the liquid waste to discharge to the wastewater collection system by gravity. Traps shall be in conformance with the provisions of the Florida Plumbing Code.

Registered grease waste hauler is a person or entity registered with the City of Pembroke Pines and is authorized to collect, remove, inspect, dispose, maintain and/or perform any other service to a grease removal system. A registered grease waste hauler is required to provide the City of Pembroke Pines a copy of all current licenses and permits required by the State of Florida necessary to collect, remove, inspect, dispose, maintain and/or perform any other service to a grease removal system. **Gray water** is a liquid contained in a grease interceptor that lies below the floating grease layer and above the food solids layer. **Grease** means any material either liquid or solid, composed primarily of fat, oil and grease from animal or vegetable sources. The terms "fats, oils and grease (F.O.G.)," "oil and grease" or "oil and grease substances" shall all be included within this definition.