



## City of Akron Water Reclamation Facility FOG Program **FOG Best Management Practices (BMPs)**

Food Service Establishments (FSEs) play an important role in preventing sewer backups and overflows caused by Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG). Proper capture and disposal of grease is required by the City of Akron Sewer Use Ordinance #412-2012, Section 50.81. Please go to [City of Akron Sewer Use Ordinance](#) to see a copy of the Ordinance.

FSE managers and employees should:

- Recycle waste cooking oil.
  - Put in approved oil and grease recycle container. Have the container emptied frequently enough to prevent overfilling.
- Make sure you have proper grease control equipment installed, regularly maintained and operating properly.
- “Dry Wipe” all pots, pans, plates and utensils prior to washing in pot wash sink or dishwasher.
  - Use a squeegee or rubber spatula to scrape plates and cooking surfaces into the garbage before washing.
- Capture accumulated oil during the cleaning of stoves and ventilation/exhaust hoods.
- Dispose of collected waste material after absorbing all free liquid.
- Use strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty contents into the trash.
- Post “NO GREASE” signs above every sink.
- Post [FOG BMP Posters](#) around the kitchen.
  - <https://conserve.restaurant.org/Best-Practices/FOG>
- Dispose of food waste by recycling or by solid waste removal.
- Garbage Disposals are discouraged since these will contribute to oil and grease discharge and also decrease the efficiency of the grease interceptor due to solids build up.
- Train kitchen staff employees about grease control and its importance. Inform them on how they can have a positive impact on
  - The Environment
  - Your facility’s plumbing system
- Hydromechanical Grease Interceptors (HGI) users:
  - Have a supervisor verify all cleaning and maintenance activities to ensure the device is properly operating.
- Gravity Grease Interceptors (GGI) users:
  - Periodically open the interceptor to verify that the service contractor is completely evacuating the interceptor.

Incentives for BMPs:

- When followed they make a HUGE difference in the amount of FOG in the wastewater discharge.
- Help FSEs comply with Grease Interceptor maintenance standards.
- Can result in an allowable reduction of interceptor maintenance frequency due to reduced FOG accumulation rates.
- Help FSEs prevent FOG blockages in their own sewer lines and in the city sewer lines.

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