

Town of Newington

An Ordinance Regulating Grease Traps and Interceptors for Oil and Sand

Adopted by Council April 17, 2008

Grease traps and interceptors for oil and sand.

- a) All new business entities in the Town of Newington that generate waste water containing oil or sand must collect this waste water and discharge it into the city's sanitary sewer system. A town approved oil/sand interceptor must be installed on the sanitary sewer service line. The location of the oil/sand interceptor must be as per the standard plumbing code. Existing businesses must install interceptors or be in compliance within six months from the enactment of this section.
- b) All food service operations in the town that discharge waste water containing grease must install a grease trap or interceptor.
- c) All grease traps and interceptors must be designed using standard engineering principles for sedimentation and floatation in gravity separators. All grease traps and interceptors must be approved by the Operations Manager for the Town of Newington.
- d) All newly constructed food service establishments shall be required to install a grease interceptor sized at 20 gallons per food service seat, but not less than 1,000 gallons capacity.
- e) All existing food service establishments shall be required to install and establish grease handling traps and interceptors. Existing establishments operating without grease traps and interceptors shall have six months from the date of this section to render their establishment in compliance with this section. If an existing food service establishment cannot meet the outdoor type grease interceptor requirements, an alternate under-the-counter grease trap and interceptor may be used, if approved by the Operations Manager.
- f) Each entity or establishment governed by this section shall maintain a service log reflecting the maintenance of their grease trap and interceptor and/or oil or sand interceptor. The service log shall be available in a conspicuous location for appropriate review by town personnel.
- g) Food service operations that do not generate grease will not require a grease trap or interceptor. These facilities include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Bagel shops;
 - Bakeries with no deep frying;
 - Canteens;
 - Coffee shops;
 - Delicatessens that do not require a grease hood;

Fish shops;
Fruit and vegetable markets;
Juice bars;
Meat sales;
Muffin shops;
Pretzel shops;
Sandwich shops that do not deep fry.

Any other establishment not included in the above categories that do not generate wastewater containing grease or solids may request an exemption from the Town Council.

- h) Grease traps are to be pumped and cleaned, whenever the clear liquid contents of the grease trap, as measured by a sludge judge, is less than or equal to 75% of the grease traps capacity (25% grease and solids combined or greater).
- i) Failure to comply with this section shall be punishable as provided by the Town's General Penalties Ordinance.