

Fats, Oils, and Grease (F.O.G.)

Cleaning Grease Traps

(If done yourself)

Scoop Method

1. Use a slotted spoon to remove the top layer of grease.
2. Use a putty knife (scraper) to remove sidewall buildup.
3. Place the grease into a double-lined, sealed bag.
4. Fill bag with cat litter or another absorbent material.
5. Dispose of the sealed bag in your dumpster or trash bin.

Vacuum Removal

1. Use a shop vacuum (some models are designed for 5-gallon buckets).
 - Alternatively, a drill pump is also a cleaner, easier and cheaper method.
2. Vacuum out all grease and old liquid.
3. Follow the same disposal steps as above for the collected waste.

Optional Odor Control

To help control odor, mix 70% bleach and 30% water in a spray bottle. Lightly spray the top layer of grease after cleaning to help reduce smells. This process will help remove some of the odor causing bacteria.

Avoid Emulsifiers

We strongly recommend not using emulsifiers. While they may appear to remove grease by liquefying it and pushing it “out of your system,” the grease often re-solidifies down stream. This creates a higher risk of clogs and blockages

Why It Matters



Fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.) that enter the sewer system can solidify and cause blockages, leading to costly and disruptive backups and overflows, not only for the city, but your establishment.

You Should Know



- Improper disposal of F.O.G. can result in hardened grease buildup that clogs pipes.

- Unmaintained Interceptors/traps can cause internal plumbing issues, and costly repairs.
- Proper grease management helps avoid service disruptions and protects both your business and the community.

Your Responsibility

Grease management helps avoid service disruptions and protects both your business and the community.

City Regulations

Bremerton Municipal Code (B.M.C) 15.05.060 – 15.05.070 outlines the requirements for grease trap maintenance and F.O.G. management. Compliance is essential to ensure system efficiency and avoid penalties.

TRAP THE F.O.G. STOP THE CLOG



Be Code Smart

Stay compliant with city ordinances – avoid blockages, backups, or fines.

Helpful Tip:

25% Rule – If 25% or more of the trap's content is solids or grease - it's time to clean.

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