

Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) Sewer Use Ordinance

- 1.1 No person who owns, operates, or maintains a Food Service Establishment (FSE) shall discharge wastewater from such Food Service Establishment to the sewer without the presence of a grease interceptor unless given formal approval from the Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board. Food Service Establishments must receive approval to begin design on the grease interceptor from Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board. The minimum required design is two 1,000 gallon in-line grease traps, unless an alternate design is approved by the General Manager. All interceptor design drawings must be submitted to and approved by the General Manager. The General Manager retains the right to conduct a review of the interceptor design prior to installation, and forbid discharge into the sewer based on the interceptor designs deemed inadequate.
- 1.2 Food Service Establishment user shall direct all wastewater and waste from floor drains, floor sinks, sinks, waste container wash racks, dishwashers, mop sinks, utility sinks and garbage grinders through an approved interceptor complying with this Ordinance. The user shall keep all domestic wastewater from restrooms, showers, drinking fountains, and condensate, soda machines, bar sinks, (i.e., ice melt, air conditioning condensate) separate from the Food Service Establishment wastewater until the Food Service Establishment wastewater has passed through all interceptors, pretreatment equipment, devices, or monitoring stations.
- 1.3 All Food Service Establishment users shall separate, to the maximum extent practicable, remove all fats, oils, and greases from the Food Service Establishment wastewater for off-site disposal. Each Food Service Establishment user shall store these separated wastes in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, policies and regulations, including the OWWB and this Ordinance.
- 1.4 All floor sinks, floor drains, and drains shall be equipped with screens or devices that shall exclude from the wastewater discharged all particles larger than three eighths of an inch in any dimension.

- 1.5 No Food Service Establishment user shall discharge any wastewater to a storm drain, service dock areas, parking lot, or ground. All wastewater generated by Food Service Establishments, including trash enclosure wash/rinse water and drive through wash/rinse water, shall be disposed of to a sewer through an approved gravity separation interceptor, or a sample station connected to sewer, or hauled offsite and disposed of at a legal disposal site.
- 1.6 If a Food Service Establishment has a blocked sewer lateral or a failed sewage pumping device which causes the discharge of the wastewater to the storm drain, service dock areas, parking lot, drive through areas, or ground, the Food Service Establishment user shall immediately cease all activities causing that discharge and immediately contact a plumber to have the discharges collected and if necessary have laterals cleared, televised and repaired. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall subject the Food Service Establishment user to enforcement actions. If the OWWSB determines that public safety requires immediate action and the Food Service Establishment owner is unable to or unwilling to arrange for a pumping company and plumber, the OWWSB may in its discretion contact a pumping company and plumber to mitigate the violation and charge the Food Service Establishment user for all associated costs.
- 1.7 Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board requires each Food Service Establishment to have inspections conducted to ensure the proper maintenance and operation of the grease interceptors. These inspections may be monthly, quarterly or yearly depending on the interceptor condition. Failure to comply with this ordinance will result in enforcement actions, including fines and the possibility of termination of sewer service. The FOG inspection sheet for the current Food Service Establishments is attached.
- 1.8 Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board is instituting a FOG [Fats, Oils and Grease] permit for all food service establishments. Annual fees for the FOG permit are \$100.
- 1.9 When the grease removal device is cleaned out, the owner of the Food Service Establishment is required to contact Oxford Water Works & Sewer Board to have a representative present during the pumping and inspection. Failure to contact OWWSB

will result in a \$100 fine. After multiple occurrences, the General Manager has the right to terminate service with the owner.

- 1.10 If any pumper tank company is found to be discharging directly to the sewer system, the company will be fined \$2000 plus any additional damage they cause to the sewer system and/or treatment plant, have their business license revoked and be subject to prosecution.

- 1.11 If excessive grease is physically apparent on the POTW's bar screen during or following pumping, the septic tank pumper will be assessed a \$100 fine and will be required to cease pumping of the sewage immediately and clean the bar screen and any visible grease throughout the wastewater treatment plant. After multiple occurrences, the General Manager has the right to terminate service with the septic tank hauler.