



## **GREASE TRAP MAINTENANCE & CLEANING**

Controlling fats, oils and grease (FOG) in the collection system is an important component of an overall plan for minimizing sanitary sewer overflows. Proper cleaning and maintenance of pretreatment devices is critical to the proper performance and effectiveness of pretreatment devices to eliminate/reduce FOG discharges into the sanitary sewer system.

The purpose of this document is to establish uniform cleaning and maintenance procedures of pretreatment devices by providing guidance to local businesses

Though the following guidance items may be performed by an independent contractor it is ultimately the responsibility of the facility owner to ensure all guidance items are satisfactorily completed.

### **Grease Trap Cleaning:**

Pump out all water and solids.

Scrape the sides, lid and baffle. Make sure the device is completely clean.

Remove baffles if possible.

Inspect/Repair baffles, lid gaskets, inlet and outlet downturns, etc. so the trap operates as designed by the manufacturer.

Clear inlet, outlet and vent piping of all obstructions.

Fill trap with fresh water.

At a minimum, grease traps should be inspected weekly to determine loading.

Keep maintenance records on site for at least three years. The records at a minimum shall contain date of service, type of service (description of service), and service identity (name, address of contractor).

Recommend facility representative witness device cleaning to ensure the device is operating properly. Bacteria shall not be used as a substitute for cleaning.

Emulsifying agents are prohibited to be discharged into a pretreatment device.

Recommend cleaning devices once a week at a minimum.

No material removed from a device may be reintroduced into the device from which it was removed or any other device.

All material removed from a pretreatment device shall be disposed of in a proper manner.