

How to Conduct Routine Cleaning of a Grease Interceptor

The regular maintenance of grease interceptors is essential for proper operation.

Please note that all facilities must have their grease interceptors cleaned by a reputable service provider at least once per year. Gravity grease interceptors must only be cleaned by a professional. The City of Seattle allows regular, self-cleaning of indoor grease interceptors between professional servicing to remain within compliance.

Steps to properly clean your grease interceptor

IMPORTANT: Ensure no one is using running water during the grease interceptor maintenance.



1 Remove the lid of the grease interceptor and bail out any water.



2 If possible, remove the walls inside the grease interceptor. These are called baffles.



3 Remove all the accumulated grease out of the interceptor and put it in a watertight container.



4 Pump out the settled solids and the remaining liquids.



5 Scrape the sides, the lid, and the baffles with a putty knife to remove as much of the grease as possible. Put it into a watertight container.



6 Replace the baffles, and then seal the interceptor with the lid.

Steps to properly dispose of grease interceptor waste

It's important to dispose of grease interceptor waste properly so it does not become a stormwater hazard.



1 Add kitty litter or another solidifying agent to the grease interceptor waste.



2 Close and if possible duct tape the bag or container to ensure the waste won't leak into the garbage bin.



3 Dispose of the grease interceptor waste in the trash or in a designated receptacle provided by a reputable collector.