

FOG Program
Moore County Sewer Use Ordinance
Section 2.7(b)(3)

Grease and Oil Removal

- (i) Grease and oil traps or other interceptors shall be provided at the user's expense, when such user operates an establishment preparing, processing or serving food and/or food products; except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. At minimum, all food preparatory sinks, dishwashers, etc. shall be connected to the trap or interceptor.
- (ii) All such traps or interceptors shall be of a type and capacity accessible for cleaning and inspection. All such traps or interceptors shall be serviced and emptied of the waste content as required in order to maintain their minimum capability to intercept oils and grease from the wastewater discharge to the public sewer. For grease traps, the service shall be completed and documented at an interval not to exceed ninety (90) days. The POTW Director may at any time require that grease traps be cleaned more often if the trap is not functioning properly. The POTW Director may also extend the pumping if upon investigation it is shown that in doing so the business, grease trap, collection system, and/or POTW are not negatively impacted in any way. Service shall be completed and documented daily or at a frequency recommended by the manufacturer for under-the-sink interceptors. If an under-the-sink interceptor is not serviced daily, it shall be the responsibility of the user to demonstrate compliance.
- (iii) Users who are required to pass water through a grease trap or similar interceptor will provide for a minimum detention period of twenty (20) minutes between the influent and effluent baffles with twenty percent (20%) of the total volume of the grease trap or interceptor being allowed for a sludge pocket.
- (iv) Where installed, all traps or interceptors shall be maintained by the user at his expense in continuously efficient operation at all times.
- (v) During trap maintenance, all inorganic and organic solids shall be removed from the sludge pocket. In addition, all floating material shall be skimmed from the trap or basin tank to avoid accumulation of scum covering the surface of the liquid. There shall be no reintroduction of the water removed from the trap either to the trap itself or to the sanitary sewer system without prior written approval from Moore County Public Works. The user shall be responsible for the removal and disposal by appropriate means of captured material in accordance with local regulations.
- (vi) The user shall maintain a written record, on site, of trap or interceptor maintenance for three (3) years. A copy of each service record shall be sent to the Grease Trap Coordinator, Moore County WPCP, 1094 Addor Road, Aberdeen, NC 28315, no later than fifteen (15) days after the end of the month during which the maintenance occurred.
- (vii) Penalties shall be assessed based on the severity of the violation and/or any factors contributing to a sanitary sewer blockage and/or overflow. Enforcement may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Written Notice of Violation (NOV);
 - b. Order to Comply;
 - c. Civil penalties not exceeding \$25,000 per day per violation; and
 - d. Discontinuance of water services.
- (viii) An inspection fee may be charged annually to each user for services rendered.