## INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A GREASE TRAP

GOOD FOR YOUR BUSINESS. GOOD FOR OUR SEWERS.









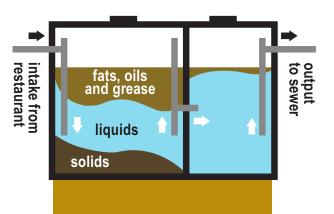
## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT FOR RESTAURANT OWNERS?

- Grease traps are required under Ontario Building Code 350.06 anywhere that food is cooked, processed, or prepared, and must be properly sized, installed and maintained.
- Ottawa's Sewer Use By-law limits grease discharge and is enforceable through penalties and fines.
- If a sewer blockage occurs, a public health inspector may close a restaurant until repairs are complete.
- Grease build-up in the sewer system results in higher City operating costs, which can result in higher sewer rates for Ottawa residents and businesses.

## **WHAT CAN YOUR STAFF DO?**

- Cooking oils, fats, lard/shortening, butter, sauces, and dairy products should never be poured down your drain.
- Always use sink basket strainers to collect food waste.
- Scrape food scraps and wipe grease from dishes and pots into the green bin/garbage.
- Do not use degreasers, emulsifiers or hot water to dissolve grease.
- Recycle used cooking oil.
- Spread awareness of grease disposal among employees.

## **WHAT ARE GREASE TRAPS?**



Grease traps (or 'interceptors') are designed to trap fats, oils and grease to prevent these substances from clogging your plumbing or the City's sewer pipes, causing backups.



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