

## Best Management Practices for Restaurant Grease

A Pocket Guide to



### RESTAURANTS AND FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS SHOULD:

1. Have proper grease control equipment installed.
2. Maintain (routinely clean and pump out) grease control equipment. Check interceptor regularly to make sure it is less than 25% full of grease and settled solids (combined), contains outlet Ts, and the structure is in good operating condition. For more information on the cleaning and maintenance of grease control devices, visit: [www.stocktongov.com](http://www.stocktongov.com)
3. Keep records on-site of grease control equipment pumping/cleaning and maintenance to provide to City of Stockton inspectors.
4. Train staff to implement Best Management Practices for grease.
5. Keep hoods clean. Wash hood filters in sinks that flow to grease retention devices attached to the sanitary sewer system.

### USE PROPER GREASE MANAGEMENT TO AVOID:

- Clogged drains which can result in a sewage backup in your business
- Costly maintenance and potential fines
- Rodent infestation

### Additional Resources offered by the City of Stockton:

Grease Interceptor Maintenance Guide

FOG Program Compliance-

A Guide for Food Service Establishments

Best Management Practice Poster

Additional resources are available online:

**[www.stocktongov.com](http://www.stocktongov.com)**

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## Best Management Practices for outside grease storage:



### Container storage:

- Store grease in leak-proof containers with tight-fitting lids. DO NOT pour down sinks or drains. DO NOT pour into storm drain or on the ground. This will clog the drains and pollute streams.
- Use only containers in good condition.
- Secure containers to prevent accidental spills, vandalism, or unauthorized use.
- Conduct regular inspections of the storage area and regularly maintain the container and storage area.
- Store containers away from storm drains



## Best Management Practices for inside the kitchen:

- Post "NO GREASE" signs above sinks.
- Educate and train kitchen staff about grease control.
- "Dry wipe" all pots, pans, and plates prior to dish washing. This helps prevent grease build-up in your sewer lines and City of Stockton sewer lines.
- Use strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids; empty strainer contents into recycling container.

### IN THE EVENT OF A GREASE SPILL:

- Begin cleanup immediately.
- Do not use detergents or degreasers.
- Block or seal off nearby storm drains.
- Contact a clean-up contractor and the appropriate agency if the spill is unmanageable.
- Never wash leaks, spills, or used clean-up materials onto nearby streets or into drains.
- Dispose of all used clean-up materials properly.

### CLEANING FLOOR MATS AND OTHER GREASY EQUIPMENT:

Wash all floor mats and grills in a mop sink so the wastewater goes to a grease control device. Never clean this kind of equipment in an area where wastewater can flow to the gutter, storm drain or street.

In the event of a back up, call: 937-8341

### WHY IS GREASE CONTROL EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION REQUIRED?

Fats, oils and grease can cause serious problems in the sewer system and in a restaurant or food service establishment. Problems include:

- Sewage overflows due to blocked sewer lines.
- Rancid odors.
- Potential contact with microorganisms that can cause hepatitis and gastroenteritis.
- Expensive cleanup, repair, and replacement of damaged property.

Grease build up in pipes can cause major damage to pipes and lead to sewage back-ups in your business.

