

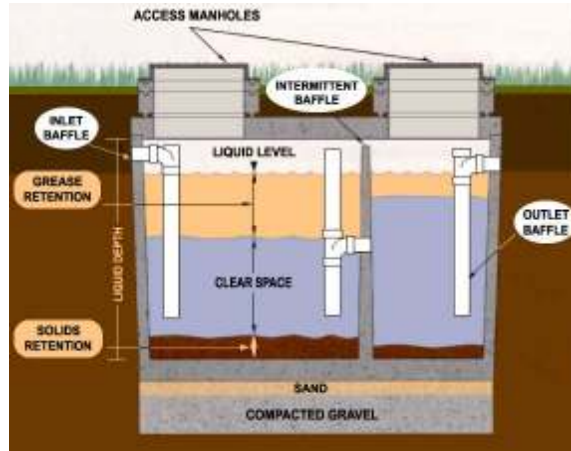
# Grease Interceptor Maintenance

## Why do you need a grease interceptor?

A grease interceptor removes fats, oils, and grease that coat city sewer lines and cause sewer overflows. If an overflow occurs, you may be responsible for clean-up costs and property damage.

## How does a grease interceptor work?

Wastewater enters the unit after leaving the kitchen. Most of the floating grease remains at the top and the solids settle at the bottom of the first chamber of the unit (see diagram). Water flows into the second chamber where more solids and grease separate out. The remaining water then flows out of the unit to the community sewer.



## How often do I need to clean my grease interceptor?

Your interceptor must be cleaned at a regular frequency to prevent the discharge of grease that may cause or contribute to a blockage or overflow in the city collection system. Be sure that your hauler is doing a complete pump out of the unit and checking for repairs at the time of every service. Also be sure that your hauler leaves you a receipt to document that your interceptor has been pumped.

## What will an EBMUD inspector look for during an inspection of my grease interceptor?

An EBMUD inspector will look to see that you are maintaining and pumping your grease interceptor frequently enough to comply with your local collection system's requirements and to keep grease from discharging to the city sewer. They will ask to see your pumping records, including the dates that the grease interceptor was pumped and by what hauler. Have these records available for the inspectors to review.



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