

# RESTAURANTS & FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS SHOULD:



1. Have proper grease control equipment installed.
2. Maintain (routinely clean or pump out) grease control equipment. Check interceptor regularly to make sure it is less than 25% full of grease and settled solids, contains outlet Ts, and the structure is in good operating condition. Keep records on-site of grease control equipment pumping/cleaning and maintenance to provide Henry County inspectors.
3. Train staff to implement Best Management Practices for grease.
4. 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 back-up in your business
- Costly maintenance and potential fines
- Rodent infestation

If you experience a back-up, contact the Henry County PSA at (276) 634-2550.  
After normal business hours and on holidays and weekends, call (276) 638-8751.

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Best Practices for Restaurant Grease

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



## **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:

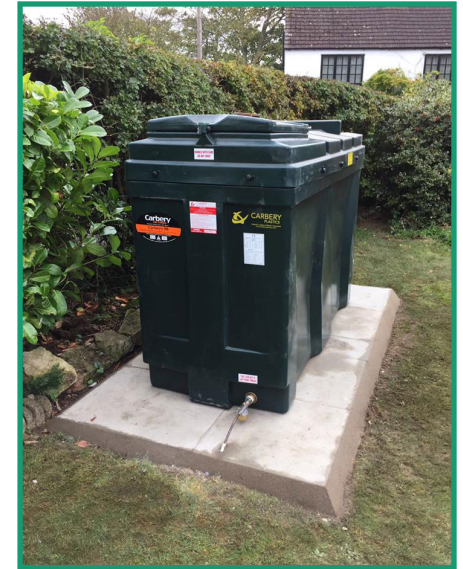
- Raw sewage overflows due to blocked sewer lines
- Rancid odors
- Potential contact with microorganisms that can cause hepatitis and gastroenteritis
- Expensive clean-up, repair, and replacement of damaged property



**Sewer line blockages due to fats, oils, and grease have increased cost to the Henry County Public Service Authority and increased reporting of sanitary sewer overflows to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA.**

## **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR OUTSIDE GREASE STORAGE:**

- Store grease in leak-proof containers with tight-fitting lids. **DO NOT** pour down sinks or drains. **DO NOT** pour into storm grate 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 GREASE INSIDE THE KITCHEN:**

- Post “**NO GREASE**” signs above sinks
- Use food grinders as little as possible, they fill up grease traps too quickly
- Educate and train kitchen staff about control
- “**Dry wipe**” all pots, pans, and plates prior to dish washing. This helps prevent grease build-up in your sewer lines and Henry County Public Service Authority sewer lines
- Use strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids; empty strainer contents into trash

## **IN THE EVENT OF A GREASE SPILL**

- Begin clean-up 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 in a garbage can

## **CLEAN FLOOR MATS AND OTHER GREASY EQUIPMENT**

