

Typical Grease Interceptor

For more information about the F.O.G. program and to refer to the City of Merced Municipal Code please visit us online or call us at:

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***Stop the F.O.G.
 before It's a Clog!***

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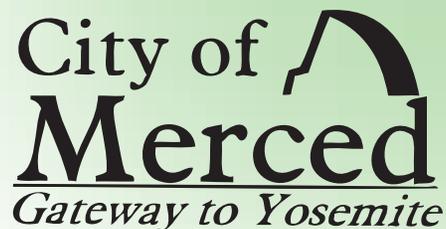
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FATS, OILS AND GREASE (F.O.G.) CONTROL PROGRAM

Effective January 2013, the City of Merced will begin implementation of a F.O.G. program. A City Inspector will contact you in the near future to discuss the program and provide you a handbook to help assist with the program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City of Merced's Environmental Control Division at (209) 385-6204.

Why do I need a grease interceptor?

A grease interceptor removes fats, oils, and grease that accumulate in city sewer lines and cause sanitary sewer overflows (SSO). If your Food Service Establishment (FSE) does not already have a grease interceptor, you are not required to install one, unless your FSE has caused or contributed to an SSO or grease related blockage in the public sewer or the sewer lateral. *City of Merced Municipal Code Section 10.30.050 (B)(1)*. If an overflow occurs, you may be responsible to pay for clean-up cost and property damage. For further information on requirements, please refer to the City of Merced Municipal Code Chapter 15.30.



How does a grease interceptor work?

A grease interceptor is a multicompart-ment "box" that "intercepts" the fats, oils, and grease from kitchen wastewater before it reaches the sewer line. Waste-water flows into the unit after leaving the kitchen. In the first chamber of the unit, fats, oils, and grease float to the top while solids settle to the bottom. Water flows into the second chamber where more grease floats to the top and solids settle to the bottom. The remaining water flows out of the unit and into the city sewer lines. (See diagram on the backside of this brochure)



For Information on the F.O.G. program and to look up the City of Merced Municipal Code please scan here.



How often do I need to clean my interceptor?

The City of Merced Municipal Code Section 15.30.090 requires the main-tenance of your grease interceptor to ensure that it is working properly. Periodic removal of the full contents of the interceptor, including wastewater, F.O.G. and solids, shall be done such that the combined F.O.G. and solids accumu-lation does not exceed 25% of the total designed hydraulic depth of the inter-ceptor. Maintenance frequency shall be determined based upon F.O.G. produc-tion and effects on the city lines. This will not be less than once every 6 months. Be sure that your hauler is completely pumping out the unit and checking for any needed repairs at the time of every service. Also, be sure your hauler leaves you a receipt to document that your interceptor has been pumped. When a City inspector visits, they will need to see your *Grease Interceptor Cleaning and Disposal Log*. Please have these up-to-date and available for review.