

Grease Interceptor Cleaning Guide

The City of Escalon requires Grease Interceptor (GI) maintenance on an AS-NEEDED basis. It is important to clean your GI regularly to prevent fats, oil and grease (FOG) from mixing with water that is discharged to the sewer. Please ensure your permitted waste hauler follows the below instructions when performing the GI maintenance.

1. Remove the manhole covers. Remove bolts as required.
2. Skim the entire grease cap & debris from the top of the interceptor.
3. Place vacuum tube all the way into the interceptor to suck remaining solids from the bottom. Then vacuum out the water.
4. Clean the sides of the interceptor and remove any remaining solids from the bottom of the interceptor.
5. Vacuum any remaining water out of the interceptor and make sure the interceptor is completely clean and the entire contents removed.
DECANTING IS NOT PERMITTED!
6. Make sure the baffle is secured in place and inspect the interceptor for any cracks or defects.
7. Check that the sanitary “T’s” on the inlet and outlet sides of the interceptor compartments are not clogged, loose or damaged. Notify the facility manager if damaged or missing parts are observed.
8. If interceptor is equipped with a sample box, open it and clean the box.
9. Check that manhole covers are securely and properly seated after completion of cleaning. Reinstall bolts to secure manhole covers.
10. Clean grease spills on the ground that might occur during the cleaning. If a large spill occurs, protect the storm drain, clean it up immediately using the driest method as possible, and **notify the City of Escalon.**
11. Be sure to keep log sheets filled out each time you clean your grease interceptor. They will be required at the end of the year when you renew your business license.

HELPFUL TIP

◇ Prior to cleaning a grease interceptor, let a large block of ice melt into the sink connected to the device. This will reduce odors and cause the grease to congeal, making grease removal easier.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN YOU REINTRODUCE THE REMOVED WATER OR MATERIALS INTO THE CITY’S SEWER SYSTEM. FLUSHING A GREASE INTERCEPTOR WITH HOT WATER OR THE USE OF CHEMICALS OR OTHER AGENTS TO DISSOLVE OR EMULSIFY GREASE AND ALLOW IT TO FLOW INTO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IS PROHIBITED.