

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 13, 2026

TO: All Retail Food Establishments

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RE: Grease Trap and Grease Interceptor Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Purpose

This memorandum serves as a reminder of the requirements for the inspection, maintenance, and documentation of grease traps and grease interceptors for all retail food establishments connected to the Authority's sanitary sewer system.

Inspections

In consideration for continued use of the sanitary sewer system, the Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority will conduct periodic, routine inspections of grease traps and grease interceptors during normal business hours.

Additionally, all establishments are required to have an annual inspection of their grease trap or interceptor, including internal components such as baffles, performed by a licensed plumber. A written report detailing the condition and functionality of the unit must be submitted to the Authority.

During inspections, the Authority reserves the right to:

- Access and open all grease traps and interceptors
- Review any maintenance records related to grease management
- Verify compliance with all applicable requirements

Maintenance and Reporting Requirements

The owner of any grease trap or interceptor is required to:

- Provide the Authority with quarterly reports demonstrating that the unit is being cleaned and maintained on a regular basis
- Maintain documentation available for inspection, including:
 - Service contracts for routine cleaning, or
 - Invoices/receipts for each cleaning event.

If, during an inspection, the Authority determines that a grease trap or interceptor is not being properly maintained and grease is entering the collection system:

The owner will be held financially responsible for all costs associated with cleaning and restoring the affected portions of the Authority's system.

Continued noncompliance may result in disconnection from the sanitary sewer system.

All costs associated with disconnection and reconnection will be the responsibility of the owner.

Violations

If a violation is identified during an inspection, the Authority may issue a notice to the owner and/or operator requiring correction within fourteen (14) calendar days.

Failure to correct the violation within the specified timeframe may result in the issuance of a summons in accordance with applicable penalty provisions.

Fines and Penalties

The Authority may impose fines of up to \$1,000 per violation, including but not limited to:

Failure to submit required quarterly maintenance reports

Failure to provide documentation of proper maintenance during an inspection

Failure to adequately maintain or properly operate a grease trap or interceptor

Each instance of noncompliance may be treated as a separate violation.

Conclusion

Proper maintenance of grease traps and interceptors is essential to protect the integrity of the sanitary sewer system and prevent costly damage and service disruptions. Your cooperation and compliance are required and appreciated.

For questions or further guidance, please contact the Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority, 732-531-2213, X-111.

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