

GREASE TRAP MAINTENANCE

One of the most overlooked aspects of restaurant management is wastewater management. A portion of wastewater management is maintenance of your facility's grease trap. Whether



your grease trap is a small under the sink variety or a larger outdoor grease manhole, routine maintenance is required to prevent sewer blockages at both your facility and receiving sewer lines.

- Blockages caused by grease can be costly on your end as well as for that of the municipality that owns the receiving sewer lines.
- If you're having your lines jetted on a regular basis you're most likely not maintaining your grease trap at a correct frequency. Also, unless there's downstream capture, jetting just pushes a potential blockage further downstream.
- Plumber costs to address blockages caused by improper grease trap maintenance range from **hundreds to thousands of dollars**. Additionally, your facility may lose business by being shut down while unsanitary conditions caused by grease/sewage back-up are addressed.
- Clean-up costs at the main receiving sewer line can also run into the **thousand dollar** range. These costs are often passed back to the establishment that caused the sewer blockage. Therefore, please spend the couple **hundred dollars** in routine maintenance to prevent potential **thousands of dollars** a sewer blockage could cost.
- If you would like any assistance in either determining a suitable maintenance frequency or like assistance in best management practices to alleviate potential sewer blockages caused by grease please contact either John Williams at 435-6614 or Tim O'Dell at 435-2260.

