



TriCo FOG Manual

How to Clean a Grease Trap

Suggested Materials:

- Large trash can
- Several heavy-duty trash bags
- Kitty litter or Floor/Oil Dry
- Cloth or paper towels
- Strainer
- Tools: Allen wrench set, tape measure, screwdriver, pry bar, small scoop or bucket
- Scraper with handle
- Wire or flexible probe
- Wet / Dry Vacuum

Getting Started...

1. Clean the grease trap before or after business hours to prevent unpleasant smells from bothering your customers.
2. Clear work area.
3. Line the trash can with garbage bags (double bag) and place enough kitty litter or floor/oil dry in the bottom of the bags to absorb the grease waste from the trap.
4. Pour some ice water in the sink connected to the grease trap to allow the grease to coagulate for easier cleaning.
5. Carefully use a pry bar to lift the lid.
6. Observe, determine, and record thickness of grease in inches and total # of gallons removed.
(Required Data for SwiftComply)
7. TAKE PHOTO OF OPENED "UNCLEANED" GREASE TRAP
(Required Photo in SwiftComply)

Let's Clean!

1. Remove baffles (note how parts are installed).
2. Clean and scrape baffles over trash can.
3. Remove the top layer of grease by scooping and disposing of it in the lined trash can.
4. With a wire or flexible probe, clean inlet, and outlet.
5. Use wet / dry vacuum to completely remove remaining contents of grease trap.
6. Scrape the bottom and inside walls of the trap to remove all non-floatable food particles and debris and dispose of it in the lined trash can.
7. Flush and clean screens and baffles to ensure movement of water through units.
8. Properly re-insert all internal components.
8. TAKE PHOTO OF OPENED "CLEANED" GREASE TRAP
(Required Photo in SwiftComply)
9. Fill the grease trap with cold water and secure the lid.
10. Ensure all liquids in the lined trash can have been absorbed by kitty litter or floor/oil dry (add more if needed).
11. Tie the lined bag and place it in the solid waste receptacle.

Never dispose of the grease waste in the storm sewer or the wastewater sewer!

Figure 1. It is time to service when waste has reached 25% of grease trap capacity .

