



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC BULLETIN

GREASE TRAPS, GREASE INTERCEPTORS AND SAND/OIL SEPARATORS

The Department of Community Development (DoCD) provides a program to ensure that grease traps or grease interceptors or sand/oil separators are installed and maintained.

The DoCD inspects grease trap units, grease interceptor units and sand/oil separator units at the time they are installed and prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, or Certificate of Completion in the case of a retrofit. Newly installed units are inspected approximately 90 days after the first inspection and at least yearly after that. Units that appear to have heavy use are inspected more often.

Grease trap or grease separator units and sand/oil separator units are required for the following businesses:

1. Grease traps or grease interceptors are required for food service establishments including home based businesses, slaughterhouses, or any business that produces fats, oils or greases that may reasonably be expected to enter the waste stream to be treated by the City of Guymon.
2. Sand/oil separators are required for car washes, truck washes, vehicle maintenance establishments, or any business that may cause sand and/or oil to enter the waste stream treated by the City of Guymon or could reasonably be expected to flow to any drainage.

Businesses that produce waste water requiring a separator but that do not have one installed will be required to install an approved, correctly sized unit within 120 days of being advised by the DoCD, of the need.

There are two kinds of inspections, “advised inspections” and “spot inspections.”

Advised inspections. The DoCD schedules inspections and advises businesses of the approximate date of inspection. The notification is given within 10 days of the inspection.

Spot inspections. Inspections that aren’t “advised inspections” are called for only by city employees when investigating the source of grease in the system. Spot inspections may be performed at the following times:

- a. For units installed within a building or within enclosed spaces spot inspections may be performed by the DoCD at any time during normal business hours without prior notice.
- b. For units installed outside a building with no apparent enclosures intended to prevent approach, spot inspections may be performed by the DoCD at any time without prior notice.



Results of all inspections. A notice, in writing is provided to the owner or operator of the business or other responsible person telling them the results of each inspection. To achieve a 'pass' rating the unit must be operating as described by the manufacturer's instructions and not be filled with grease, sand or oil beyond their limits.

Results of advised inspections. Notices indicate Pass/Fail and include the approximate date of the re-inspection for a 'fail' mark. The notice will state the reason(s) for a 'fail' mark. The inspection to verify compliance after the advised inspection will be performed in not less than one business day after the failure of the advised inspection.

Results of spot inspections. Notices indicate Pass/Fail and state the reason(s) for any 'fail' mark. Subsequent to a 'fail' mark the DoCD may then perform an advised inspection in not less than two business days after the spot inspection has been performed. The inspector will indicate the date of the advised inspection at the time of the spot inspection. Re-inspection after a spot inspection is considered to be a "first advised inspection."

Repeated failures. The DoCD will advise the business owner or operator of the approximate date that the water provided by the city to the business will be shut off when the unit has failed three consecutive inspections or a fee or fine remains unpaid for longer than 30 days after the issuance of a 'fail' correction notice.

Fees.

1. Spot inspections: \$0.00 (Free)
2. First advised inspection: \$ 0.00 (free)
3. Inspection to verify compliance after advised inspection failure: \$50.00
4. Additional inspections to verify compliance after earlier failures: \$50.00

Fines. A \$100.00 fine is applied to each additional inspection necessary to verify compliance after a first advised inspection and one follow-up inspection have both resulted in a 'fail' mark.