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# TOWN OF CHESHIRE

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

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## FATS, OILS, & GREASE (FOG) PROGRAM POLICY

The Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG) program policy outlines the pretreatment of wastewater requirements for Food Service Establishments (FSE) and other commercial facilities that may discharge FOG pollutants into the Town of Cheshire's sanitary sewer. All new and existing facilities that discharge FOG pollutants must comply with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) General Permit for the Discharge of Wastewater Associated with Food Service Establishments. This policy will act as a supplemental outline to the Town of Cheshire Ordinance Chapter 16, Section 6 (§16-6).

After installation of any required FOG removal or other treatment devices that discharge into the sanitary sewer system, you must complete a Facility Registration Form and schedule an inspection with Town of Cheshire staff.

For more information, or to schedule an inspection, contact the Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, David Milano, at [DMilano@cheshirect.org](mailto:DMilano@cheshirect.org).

For more information about the CT DEEP FOG Model, visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Municipal-Wastewater/Fats-Oils-and-Grease-FOG-Model-Program>.

## FINES AND FEES

### Annual Fee

An annual maintenance and inspection fee of **\$75.00** will be billed for each FOG Class III or Class IV (or FDA class 2, 3, and 4 FSE's), which will include the review and approval of the Facility Registration Form and all inspections required. All checks can be made to the **Town of Cheshire** and either mailed or brought to the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at **1325 Cheshire Street, Cheshire, CT 06410**.

### Inspections Violation Fees

The Town of Cheshire will perform inspections of the FSE's to determine compliance with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (CT DEEP) General Permit for the Discharge of Wastewater Associated with Food Service Establishments. Each day that a violation continues shall be a separate occurrence of the violation according to FOG Management Program.

See the following table for violation descriptions and their corresponding fine.

**All fines shall be paid within 30 days following issuance of the Notice of Violation.**

Violation	Fine Amount (\$)
Failure to Submit Registration or Variance Applications	\$500
Disallow Inspection	\$250
No FOG Management Equipment Installed	\$200
Non-Compliant FOG Management Equipment Installed	\$200
Failure to Maintain Grease Trap Cleaning, Inspection, and Maintenance Records	\$100
Failure to Maintain FOG Equipment in Proper Working Order	\$200
Failure to Clean FOG Management Equipment Quarterly or when 25% of the Depth of the Trap is Filled with Food Solids and FOG, Whichever Comes First	\$200
Failure to Properly Dispose of Brown and/or Yellow Grease	\$200
Source of Sewer Blockage	\$1000
Source of Sanitary Sewer Overflow (Minimum) – Actual Costs Will be Billed to the Facility for the Time and Materials Related to the Overflow	\$1000

### Violation Correction Schedule

Violation	Correction Time
Equipment Not Registered	7 days
No Grease Trap Installed or Non-Compliant Grease Trap Installed	30 days
FOG Management Equipment in Need of Repair or Cleaning	7 days
Failure to Maintain Written Records of FOG Management Equipment Cleaning and Inspection	7 days
Disallow an Inspection – Inspection Must be Rescheduled Within 7 Days of Initial Inspection Date	7 days
Failure to Clean and Maintain FOG Management Equipment as Required	7 days
Source of Sewer Blockage	24 hours
Source of Sanitary Sewer Overflow	24 hours

***\$75 fee for not complying with the NOV within the allotted time listed above.***

## EMERGENCY CALL OUT FEES

The Town of Cheshire can perform emergency services to relieve grease blockages that result in sewer backups. If the Town determines that the grease in the sewer was the result of negligence, the business will be billed for the work done to relieve the blockage. **The payment of the fee will be due within 30 days of the issuance of the invoice.**

## APPROVED EQUIPMENT

All FOG Class III or Class IV (or FDA Class 2, 3, and 4 FSE's) are required to install an Active Grease Recovery Unit (AGRU), Super Capacity Grease Interceptor (SCGI), or a minimum 1,000 gallon outdoor in-ground passive grease interceptor. Specifications for this equipment are outlined in the FOG General Permit. The following fixtures are required to connect to the FOG Management Equipment:

- Pot sinks (3 bay sinks).
- Pre-rinse sinks.
- Any sink into which fats, oil, and grease are likely to be introduced.
- Soup kettles or similar devices; (workstations).
- Floor drains or sinks into which kettles may be drained.
- Automatic hood wash units.
- Any other fixtures or drains that are likely to allow fats, oils, and grease to be discharged.

### Active Grease Recovery Units

Active Grease Recovery Units (ARGUs) are relatively small pretreatment units located inside of a kitchen to remove grease at the source. These units allow FOG to accumulate locally, which is then moved with pumps (or skimmers) to another tank for disposal by a third-party.

All ARGUs shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. These typically include a complete cleaning of the system on a quarterly basis, of which the contents shall be placed in a container specifically for great trap waste, commonly referred to as "Brown Grease". A written log and proof of all maintenance operations for the unit is required to be kept on site and readily available for review by town staff.

### Super Capacity Grease Interceptors

Super Capacity Grease Interceptors (SCGIs) are indoor passive units that are certified to retain more FOG material than the AGRUs and are typically used in large, commercial kitchens. These SCGIs shall conform to the specifications set in the FOG General Permit.

All SCGIs shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. These typically include a complete cleaning of the system on a quarterly basis, of which the contents shall be placed in a container specifically for great trap waste, commonly referred to as "Brown Grease". A written log and proof of all maintenance operations for the unit is required to be kept on site and readily available for review by town staff.

### Outdoor In-Ground Grease Trap

An outdoor in-ground grease trap is required to be emptied at least every 3 months (quarterly), or whenever 25% of the operating depth is occupied by grease and/or settled solids, whichever is more frequent. Following a minimum of one (1) year, the facility may request the Town to extend the cleaning beyond the quarterly period if the operating depth is not reached. The facility shall maintain a written log and receipts of any maintenance done to the grease trap.

## **VARIANCE PROGRAM**

The Town of Cheshire may grant a variance of treatment requirements for a period of three years. This variance serves as a waiver of the treatment requirements of Sections 5(b)3, inclusive, of the Department of Energy and Establishments. The applicant must demonstrate there is a limited potential for fats, oils, and grease in the discharge, as well as minimal flow. If the Town of Cheshire encounters any grease problems in the sewer infrastructure in the establishment, the Town of Cheshire has the right to revoke any variances issued.

Requests for a variance shall be issued in writing and e-mailed to the Director of Engineering at [DPWengineering@chshirect.org](mailto:DPWengineering@chshirect.org) for consideration.

Please note the applicant ***must*** reapply for a variance approval 30 days prior to the following:

- Expiration date of the three-year approval period or,
- Any significant menu or operational changes that would increase the potential for fats, oils, and grease in the discharge or,
- Change of ownership