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Restaurant Grease Trap

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What to do to help your system:

Make sure you are aware of the types and amounts of extra waste materials that are poured down the drain. Garbage disposals usually double or even triple the amount of solids added to the tank. Therefore, **do not use garbage disposal** or dump coffee grounds in the sink. Increasing the load of solids into the grease trap decreases the capacity and slows down the breakdown of grease.

Put drain screens in all sinks. Scrape all dishes and cooking utensils into a garbage can.

Do not pour cooking greases, oils, and fats down the drain. Grease hardens in the grease trap and accumulates until it clogs the inlet or outlet. Grease poured down the drain with hot water may flow through the grease trap and clog the laterals completely. This will cause overflowing into the restaurant or other types of flooding. This will also cause grease accumulation in the sewer mainlines. This, again, can cause backups. The cost of cleanup can be very expensive and you can lose business time.

Do not add "enzymes, surfactants or any other liquefying chemicals" to your system. These do not improve how well your system works. In fact, these types of additives can damage your system by breaking up the sludge and scum layers, causing solids (grease, oil, phosphates etc.) to flush out of the tank and accumulate in the effluent leach fields, where it causes impaction with the grease etc clogging the field and making it unusable.

Pesticides, bleach, paints, paint thinners, solvents, disinfectants, poisons, and other household chemicals should not be dumped down the drain because they kill the bacteria in the grease trap. Some inorganic chemicals will flow untreated through the grease trap, thus contaminating the ground water, (which may be illegal).

Put paper towels, tissue, paper napkins, cigarette butts, plastic straws, stir sticks, and other similar material in a trash can, not down the drain

Summary:

Do not have a garbage disposal hooked into a grease trap, septic system or a combination unit.

Do not pour greases or oils down the drain or toilets.

Do not add emulsifiers, surfactants, enzymes or any other liquefying chemical down the drain or toilets.

Do not put pesticides, bleach, bactericides, paints, paint thinners, solvents, disinfectants, poisons, and other Household chemicals down the drain or toilets.

Do not put paper towels, tissue, cigarette butts, plastic straws, stir sticks, and other similar material down the drain.