



## A Letter to Restaurant Owners

**Note: Under-the-counter type grease traps are strictly prohibited.**

Dear Restaurant Owner/Manager:

The City of Cumming requires that all food service establishments install and maintain a properly sized grease interceptor, also known as a grease trap, at each location. Each facility must submit proper manifests after each maintenance event. You must submit all disposal documentation (manifests) by email ([ipt@cummingutilities.net](mailto:ipt@cummingutilities.net)) or by mail to the address below:

**Chase Sweat**

**Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator**

**Cumming Utilities**

**Water Pollution Control Division**

**Industrial Pretreatment Branch**

**4605 Environmental Campus Drive**

**Cumming, Georgia 30040**

**NOTE: Failure to comply with the requirements of the Cumming Sewer Use Ordinance will result in fines and possible loss of water and sewer service. This matter deserves your immediate attention.**

In addition, please be aware that certain grease trap pumping companies are banned from the Cumming sewer service area. These companies are involved in illegal practices such as “pump and dump”, “blow and go”, “grease recycling”, “grease separation”, etc.. Grease pumping companies **MUST** completely clean out the entire trap. You must not allow anything to be discharged into your trap, even what may be called “pure water”. Enzyme and bacteria additives are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. You, the owner/manager, are responsible for watching the person who is cleaning your trap and are required to sign all manifests. You are also responsible obtaining a copy of the manifest after it has been signed by the ultimate disposal facility and forwarding a copy to the City of Cumming at the above address. If you

have any questions regarding a grease pumping company or wish to report illegal practices by a grease pumping company, you may contact this office at (770) 781-2018.

In the near future, City of Cumming personnel will be visiting your establishment for an inspection. To avoid fines the following requirements will need to be met:

- Your grease interceptor has been properly maintained (completely cleaned out at the frequency specified by the superintendent).
- Provide the proper documentation (manifests) to [ipt@cummingutilities.com](mailto:ipt@cummingutilities.com) in a timely manner. These manifests are valid only if they contain a signature from the restaurant manager/owner, the grease interceptor pumper/hauler, and the ultimate disposal facility. The exact volume of waste removed from your grease interceptor and the exact volume received at the ultimate disposal facility must be clearly noted on the manifest, as well as the date of pumping and ultimate disposal must be noted.

If your pumping company is not charging a proper amount, your waste may be being discharged into a creek, a remote City sewer manhole, or back into the restaurant's grease trap. One way to avoid these illegal activities is to make an appointment with your pumping company and demand that they come only during that time. Problems arise when the pumping company comes at your busiest hour and you are unable to closely supervise the cleaning process.

For more information about the City of Cumming grease interceptor program please visit:  
<https://www.cummingutilities.com/about/sanitary-sewer/grease-traps/>

**If you suspect that your grease pumping company is involved in any of the above-mentioned illegal activities, please call the Water Pollution Control Division at (770) 781-2018.**

Sincerely,

Cumming Utilities

Grease Interceptor Maintenance Branch