



# We Need You to Protect the Sewer System

By ordinance, water and sewer customers are required to help protect the town's sewer system.

## Fats, oils and grease disposal

Section 15-18 of the Hillsborough Code of Ordinances, adopted May 12, 2003

### REQUIREMENT

Install and regularly maintain equipment to intercept fats, oils and grease from improper disposal into the sewer system if a restaurant or other food service establishment, such as a nursing home or daycare. Some industries, institutions and vehicle maintenance facilities also are required to have these devices.



Water from sinks at this coffee shop (left photo) drains into a grease trap (bottom left) to prevent fats, oils and grease from entering the sewer system. Above is the access to an exterior grease trap at a restaurant.

### EXPLANATION

Interception devices must be evacuated by a North Carolina licensed pumper at the owner's expense. Outdoor systems are required to be cleaned every 60 days at minimum. Units under sinks, if approved by the town, require a more rigorous schedule.

Improper disposal of fats, oils and grease is a leading cause of sanitary sewer overflows and can lead to fines. The damage affects sewer rates.

### FATS, OILS AND GREASE RESPONSIBILITIES

<b>Town</b>	Protect human health and the environment.	<b>Customer</b>	Follow ordinance on prohibited items. Keep fats, oils, grease, trash, rags, and wipes out of sewer system.
	Protect town assets (sewer system and Wastewater Treatment Plant).		Install, inspect, maintain and report on interception devices for fats, oils and grease when required.
	Enforce federal, state and town codes.		Repair or replace failing interception devices.
	Adhere to state-issued collection system permit requiring grease control.		Allow town to inspect interception devices within reasonable time frame when requested.
	Educate community and those who might add fats, oils and grease to sewer system.		Educate employees on proper practices regarding fats, oils and grease.
Keep sewer rates as low as possible.			

### MORE INFORMATION

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