



Purchasing/Installation of Gravity Grease Interceptors

Please contact the City of Dothan's FOG (Fats, Oils, & Grease) Program at 334-615-4454 or 334-615-4458 to coordinate **all** aspects of the proposed sizing, purchasing, and installation of the gravity grease interceptor (GGI).

Gravity Grease Interceptors: These large underground tanks used for FOG remediation are located outside the food service establishment and are typically referred to as grease interceptors or grease traps. The minimum acceptable sizing for all new installations shall start at 1000-gallons. **All** sizing and proposed installation locations of gravity grease interceptors **shall** meet with the approval of the City of Dothan's FOG Program. **Only** gravity grease interceptors manufactured by a City of Dothan approved GGI manufacturer may be installed. Note that all the approved manufacturers of gravity grease interceptors have certified their tanks to meet with the "American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)" HS-20 traffic rating. Please contact the FOG Program to obtain a current list of **approved gravity grease manufacturers** meeting the design specifications presented to the EPA in accordance with Consent Order CWA-04-2012-4780 and in accordance with the City of Dothan FOG Ordinance. The Food Service Establishment (FSE) and/or Contractor/Plumber/Owner is advised that the City of Dothan is not exclusively endorsing any manufacturer nor excluding the use of gravity grease interceptors by other manufacturers. **However, if any other gravity grease interceptor manufacturer/brand is proposed, the aforementioned design specifications shall be adhered to, and meet with the approval of the City's FOG Program prior to construction/purchase/installation.**

The City of Dothan's installation specifications **shall** be adhered to during the installation process (see attached instructions). Design/installation specifications are in place to ensure proper functioning of the GCE, to protect the FSE from substandard and ineffective products, to protect the public's safety, to protect the City's wastewater collection system and treatment plants, to protect our environment, as well as to meet the requirements of the EPA's Consent Order.

The plumber installing the GGI **shall** have a valid/required City of Dothan business license and operate in accordance with the "State of Alabama Plumber and Gas Fitters Examining Board Rules". In addition, the plumber **shall** have a "Grease Control Equipment Certification" issued by the City of Dothan's FOG Program.

Before commencing **any** work, a plumbing permit **shall** be obtained from the City of Dothan's Permits and Inspections division, located in room 315 of the Civic Center. The permit can **only** be obtained by the property owner or a licensed plumber/contractor.

When work is ready for inspection, the permit holder or their duly authorized agent is responsible for contacting the City of Dothan's FOG Program to arrange for an

inspection. An inspection will not be performed on any work unless a valid plumbing permit has first been obtained. Note, work shall not be concealed or covered until it is inspected and passed by the FOG Program personnel. If work is concealed or covered prior to being inspected and passed, it will have to be uncovered, resulting in additional labor/costs (at the owner's/plumber's/contractor's expense). In the event that a GGI not approved by the City of Dothan's FOG Program is found to be installed, the tank will be required to be removed (at the owner's/plumber/contractor's expense) and replaced with an approved GGI.