

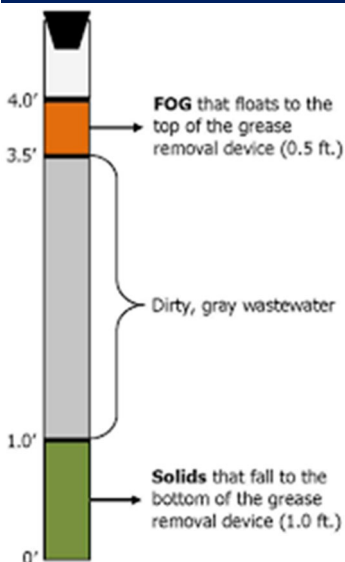
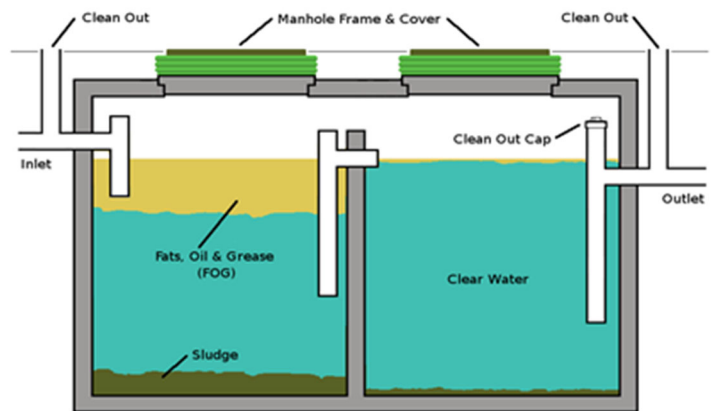


## Grease Trap Maintenance, Grease Removal and the 25% Rule

When too much fat, oil and grease (FOG) accumulates in a grease trap, excess grease may enter the sewer system. This can cause sewer backups and overflows into the environment and is a violation of City ordinance. City of Allen requires that the amount of FOG that accumulates in a grease trap cannot exceed 25% of the grease trap's depth. This is known as the **25% Rule** and is based on the State of Texas Model FOG Ordinance. Grease traps must be serviced on a regular basis to prevent excess grease. City of Allen conducts regular inspections of grease traps to help business owners maintain accordance with this requirement.

### Typical grease trap

The total depth of the floating fats, oils and grease (FOG) layer, plus the settled sludge layer cannot exceed 25% or more of the total liquid depth of the interceptor.



### How the 25% rule is calculated

$$\frac{\text{FOG} + \text{Solids}}{\text{Depth of Interceptor}} = \frac{(0.5' + 1.0')}{4.0'} = \frac{1.5'}{4.0'} = 37.5\%$$

In this example, the amount of FOG is 37.5%, which exceeds the maximum of 25%. If the City's inspection determines the percentage of FOG exceeds 25%, the grease trap must be serviced within 10 days, and the City will work with the business to establish a cleaning frequency that assures compliance.

### Contact Us

Contact the Community Services Department for more information about the program or maintaining your grease trap:

City of Allen Community Services Department  
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