

Join us at a meeting

Learn more about code changes and steps your restaurant or business can take to help protect our sewer system. Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010

9:30 – 10:30 am
Northgate Community Center
10510 5th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98125

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010

9:30 – 10:30 am
High Point Community Center
6920 34th Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98126

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010

9:30 – 10:30 am
Seattle City Hall, Bertha Knight Landes Rm
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2010

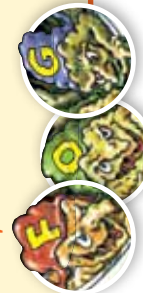
9:30 – 10:30 am
Van Asselt Community Center
2820 S Myrtle St
Seattle, WA 98108

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Important Municipal Code changes for Seattle restaurants and other food service establishments

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Fats, oils and grease (F.O.G.)

commonly enters our sewer system through kitchen drains during dishwashing. Over time, F.O.G. builds up in sewer lines which can eventually lead to backups. Backups can cause property damage, public health hazards and pollution.

The City of Seattle is taking steps to prevent build up of F.O.G. in our sewer system. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has created a F.O.G. Program. The City has recently proposed F.O.G. code changes that may affect your restaurants or business.

Why is this important for my restaurant or food service establishment?

Proposed Municipal Code changes might affect the day-to-day operations of your business:

The 25% Rule

Food service establishments are required to clean their grease trap or grease interceptor when 25% of its volume is occupied by accumulated grease and food waste. Under Municipal Code SMC 21.16.310A, all restaurants are required to intercept grease before it discharges to the sewer system. Be sure to routinely clean your grease trap or interceptor so that grease does not discharge to the sewer system.

No more additives

Additives can no longer be used to break down F.O.G. in grease traps or interceptors. They can pass grease through to City infrastructure and pose health and environmental concerns.

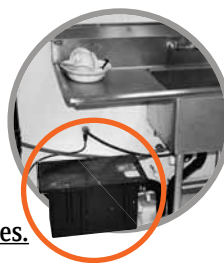
Varied penalty fees

Enforcement provisions for discharges of F.O.G. to the sewer system will vary to better match the size of the penalty to the degree of violation. Penalty fees range in cost from \$250 - \$5,000.

Take action

Follow a few simple steps to keep F.O.G. from clogging the sewer pipes.

1. Install and regularly clean your grease interceptor. For more information about installing a grease interceptor, visit: www.seattle.gov/util/greasefreepipes.



2. Before washing, scrape all food scraps from your dishes into a compost bin.*
3. Soak up remaining F.O.G. with a paper towel and dispose in a compost bin.*

* Composting helps prevent F.O.G. buildup and saves you money! Interested in adding composting to your business? To learn more, call: (206) 343-8505 or email: help@resourceventure.org or visit: www.seattle.gov/util and search "commercial composting".

These easy steps can save you money too!

- Using a compost bin to dispose your food scraps can reduce your garbage bill.
- Keeping F.O.G. from going down the drain decreases the possibility of clogging your side sewer which can cause sewer backups potentially costing you \$1,000s to clean up and repair.



Want to know more?

- For more information on the Fats, Oils and Grease Program and recent Municipal Code changes, please visit our Web site: www.seattle.gov/util/greasefreepipes
- Si desea más información sobre el Programa de Aceites y Grasas y los cambios recientes en el Código Municipal, por favor, visite nuestra página Web: www.seattle.gov/util/greasefreepipes
- Để biết thêm chi tiết về Chương Trình Xử Lý Chất Béo và Dầu Mỡ và các thay đổi mới đây trong Bộ Luật Thành Phố, xin tới trang mạng: www.seattle.gov/util/greasefreepipes
- 有關脂肪、油類與油膩物計劃及市政規定變更之更多資訊，請查詢我們的網站：www.seattle.gov/util/greasefreepipes

Send us your questions and comments by June 11, 2010.

- Email: spufog@seattle.gov
Mail: 700 5th Avenue, Ste 4900, PO Box 34018, Seattle, WA 98124-4018, Attn: FOG
- Envíenos sus preguntas y comentarios antes del 11 de junio de 2010 por correo electrónico: spufog@seattle.gov o por correo: Seattle Public Utilities, 700 5th Avenue Suite 4900, PO Box 34018, Seattle, WA 98124-4018, ATTN: FOG
- Vui lòng gửi các câu hỏi và nhận xét của quý vị trước nhất là ngày 11 tháng Sáu, 2010, tới địa chỉ điện thư spufog@seattle.gov hoặc qua đường bưu điện tới: Seattle Public Utilities, 700 5th Avenue Suite 4900, PO Box 34018, Seattle, WA 98124-4018, ATTN: FOG
- 請將您的問題及意見於2010年6月11日前寄交我們。電子信件地址：spufog@seattle.gov，郵寄地址：Seattle Public Utilities, 700 5th Avenue Suite 4900, PO Box 34018, Seattle, WA 98124-4018, ATTN: FOG