



## ***GREASE TRAP INSPECTIOS RULES AND REGULATIONS***

### ***Purpose***

*The purpose is to ensure that all commercial customers with grease traps keep their equipment clean and functioning properly. This helps prevent sewer blockages, overflows, foul odors, and damage to the District's wastewater system.*

### ***Who Must Follow***

*All food-service businesses and any other commercial customers within Paseo Del Este MUD 1 that have a grease trap or grease interceptor.*

### ***Inspection Schedule***

- *Each location will be inspected once every quarter (4 times per year)*
- *Inspections are performed by PDE MUD 1 staff.*

### ***Inspection Fees***

- *Initial Inspection: FREE*
- *If the location fails the inspection:*
  - *A follow-up inspection will be required*
  - *A \$150.00 fee will be assessed for the follow-up inspection*
- *Repeat failure may result in additional actions as allowed by District Policy.*

### ***What We Look For***

*During the inspection, staff will check:*

- *Amount of grease and solids in the trap*
- *Condition of baffles and inlet/outlet pipes*
- *Proper cleaning frequency*
- *Any overflows, blockages, or odors*
- *Evidence of improper disposal or bypassing the trap*

*A trap fails if it has:*

- *More than 25% grease and solids.*
- *Damaged or missing parts.*
- *Signs it has not been cleaned properly or regularly*

## ***Customer Responsibilities***

*All customers with grease traps must:*

- *Clean and pump their grease traps regularly (recommended at least every 6 weeks or sooner if needed)*
- *Use registered waste haulers to dispose of grease trap waste.*
- *Keep records of cleanings and pumping.*
- *Ensure staff maintain the trap correctly*
- *Provide safe access for inspectors*
- *Submit only the official Paseo Del Este MUD1 Manifest.*

## ***What Happens If You Fail an Inspection***

*If your trap fails:*

1. *You will receive a written notice explaining the problem.*
2. *You must correct the problem within the time listed on the notice.*
3. *A \$150 follow-up inspection fee will be charged.*
4. *Failure to correct the issue may result in:*
  - a. *Additional fees*
  - b. *Surcharges*

## ***Recordkeeping***

*The District will maintain records of inspection, notices, and follow-up actions.*

*Customers should keep their grease trap cleaning and pump-out records available for review.*

## ***Compliance Authority***

- *TCEQ Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) guidelines*
- *Paseo Del Este MUD1 FOG requirements.*
- *District wastewater system protection policies.*
- *Paseo Del Este MUD1 Rules and Regulations*

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