



Liquid Waste Ordinance FAQ – Generator (ASE)

Why is the City requiring me to service my grit trap?

Routine maintenance of grit traps will aid in the reduction of wastewater overflows by decreasing the amount of grit, oils and greases in the wastewater system that are disposed of from Automotive Service Establishments (ASEs). This in turn protects public health and the environment as well as maintains compliance with state and federal regulations.

What will it cost me to service my grit trap?

The cost to have a grit trap serviced varies and depends on the size of the unit, where it is located and how much grease is disposed of via the facility's plumbing system. Contact your transporting company for pricing specific to your facility.

Am I required to have a grit trap/oil separator?

If your business activities consist of washing, cleaning, or servicing of automobiles, trucks, buses, or similar equipment, and floor drains are located in areas of operation, YES, you are required to have a grit trap/oil separator installed and maintain it in accordance with the Liquid Waste Ordinance. If your facility does not have floor drains, you are still required to properly dispose of your used oils and grease.

How often must my grit trap be cleaned?

The City of Temple Liquid Waste Ordinance specifies all grit traps must be completely emptied and cleaned by a licensed transporter **at least every 180 days**, or whenever 25% or more of the unit contains floating materials, sediment, oils, or grease.

How do I dispose of grit trap waste?

Grit trap waste must be transported by a liquid waste transporter, licensed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and registered with the City of Temple to a properly permitted disposal site.

What is a Liquid Waste Manifest?

A Liquid Waste Manifest is a paper document containing information on the date, type and quantity of the waste that was evacuated and disposed of. Copies of manifests must be retained on-site for three years and be readily available for review by the City.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

The Environmental Programs Team is here to help! Please contact us if you have any questions regarding requirements for generators.

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