

# City of Leavenworth Grease Prevention Program 2024 Summary

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The City of Leavenworth's Building Inspections Office continues to oversee a grease trap/interceptor inspection and maintenance program as part of the effort to prevent backups in the sewer lines. This effort expects to reduce the number of instances where the contents of the sanitary sewer overflow into homes, yards, or streets.

The City of Leavenworth's grease trap/interceptor program and ordinances were updated in the beginning of 2023. This program requires businesses to obtain an annual grease trap/interceptor license. An annual inspection (performed by a licensed plumber with the City of Leavenworth) and copies of maintenance records for the previous year will be required before the licenses can be issued/renewed. The program also has fines in place for businesses operating the devices without a license and not maintaining the devices in proper working conditions. Establishments that require a grease trap/interceptor will be sent a renewal notice every year for their licenses.

The ongoing efforts include the following general activity:

1. Contact the property owners and/or tenants whose buildings require a grease trap/interceptor with a letter informing them that the devices are required and that the devices require routine maintenance to operate properly.
2. Requires plumbing contractors licensed by the City of Leavenworth to perform yearly routine inspections of the grease traps/interceptors to ensure they are installed and maintained correctly.
3. Grease trap/interceptors maintenance and yearly cleaning reports will need to be submitted yearly upon renewal of annual grease trap/interceptors licenses.

Utilizing records from 2024, there were 87 businesses identified in 2024 that staff believed may require a grease trap/interceptor. A letter along with a packet of information including a copy of the new grease trap/interceptor ordinance that was sent out to these businesses in March with the requirement that they needed to have their license by the end of April. It was determined that out of these 87 businesses only 86 of them needed grease trap/interceptors.

- 45 out of the 86 businesses have gotten their grease trap/interceptor license
- 1 out of the 86 businesses were issued a variance
- 8 out of the 86 businesses are closed
- 32 out of the 86 businesses have not gotten their grease trap/interceptor license

As other establishments are built or identified as needing to have a grease trap/interceptor, the establishment will be added to the program's records.