

# Grease Interceptors

## Building Services Information Sheet

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### **What is a grease interceptor?**

A grease interceptor is a device that prevents substances from entering plumbing systems and water treatment systems. A grease interceptor is required where fixtures discharge fats, oils, or grease, or where fixtures are located where food is cooked, processed, or prepared.

### **How does it work?**

A grease interceptor is installed downstream of sinks and dishwashers. It separates fats, oils, and grease from water by reducing the flow rate of the water, isolating grease layers in compartments, and releasing clean water once the grease has separated.

### **Who can provide a design for a grease interceptor?**

An Ontario Licensed Professional Engineer or qualified designer (where applicable) can provide the design for grease interceptor installations.

### **Is a building permit required?**

Yes. Visit [APLI](#) (the City's online permit application tool) and select 'Building Permit' as the application type, identify the type of building (i.e., residential, commercial, etc.), and select 'Plumbing' as work proposed. The following are required documents to be submitted with your online building permit application:

- Plumbing floor plans indicating the location of fixtures (sinks and dishwashers) and grease interceptors.
- Grease interceptor calculations and specifications.
- [Owner Authorization](#) (property owner consent).

