



REQUIREMENTS FOR REPLACING AN EXISTING GREASE INTERCEPTOR OUTSIDE OF A BUILDING

To replace an existing Grease Interceptor (GI) that is located outside of the building, the customer must obtain an Industrial Waste (IW) Approval Letter for the installation of the new GI. The customer will then use the IW Approval Letter to apply for a standalone trades-only (plumbing) permit to perform this work.

A formal building plan review will not be required if the scope of work is limited **only** to replacing a grease interceptor (GI) outside the building footprint. The work must not involve changes within the building footprint or to the overall plumbing fixture count; such changes will affect the grease interceptor size. The replacement GI **must have the same liquid holding capacity (size)** as the GI being replaced (**like for like**).

Note: If it is determined that a larger GI is required, an approved site utility plan will be required in addition to the IW Approval Letter. The approved site utility plan can be in the form of a formal review, a correction, a revision, or an exemption.

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, CUSTOMER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. Select a GI which meets Austin Water’s minimum design standards.

These design standards are available at:

- <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/design-criteria-grease-interceptors>

2. Contact IW: at industrialwaste@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-7293 to verify the newly proposed grease interceptor model meets Austin Water’s minimum design standards and request an IW approval letter.

The email must contain the following information:

- Subject line: Grease Interceptor Replacement Request & business address
- Applicant info (person’s name, phone number, email)
- The business’ name.
- Complete list of kitchen fixtures, including pipe sizes that are plumbed to the grease interceptor.
- Existing GI model/size.
- Proposed GI model/size details (manufacturer name, model, capacity in liquid gallons).

Note: The proposed size must be the same size as the GI being replaced or may be larger than the original GI.

3. Upon receipt of the email, IW staff will:

- Review the request and generate an IW Approval Letter; or
- May ask follow-up questions.

4. Customer will receive the IW Approval Letter via e-mail.

5. Customer applies for a trades-only plumbing permit via the City of Austin’s Land Development Information Services unit - 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive. More information, including online access to the standalone trade permit application, is available online at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/dsd-btcs>. Customer shall provide the IW Approval Letter when requesting the standalone plumbing permit. You may also contact the Land Development Information Services unit by phone at (512) 978-4000. Bring a copy of the IW Approval Letter and pay the applicable fees.

6. Receive plumbing permit.

7. Have a Liquid Waste Hauler pump out the GI which is slated for replacement. Pump-outs should only be performed by Liquid Waste Haulers with current City of Austin permits. The manifest or “trip ticket” document provided by the hauler, along with the IW approval letter, shall be posted on-site or made available during plumbing inspections. For a current list of Liquid Waste Haulers that have City of Austin and State of Texas permits, please visit the Liquid Waste Hauler Program website at: www.austintexas.gov/department/liquid-waste-hauler-program

8. Perform the work and pass all applicable inspections.