

KEEP FORT COLLINS BEAUTIFUL AND PROTECT LOCAL WATER QUALITY

Grease spills and overflows of interceptors and chemicals can end up in our local streams and harm aquatic organisms. Please do your part to protect the environment.

GREASE INTERCEPTORS



Grease interceptor overflow

WHAT: Grease interceptors help prevent fats, oils and grease (FOG) from entering the wastewater (sanitary sewer) system, which could cause blockages, sewer backups and overflows.

HOW TO COMPLY: Facilities within Fort Collins Utilities' service area are required to maintain grease interceptors in a continuously efficient operating condition.

No more than a third of the interceptor's inlet chamber capacity may be occupied by fats, oils, grease and/or solids. It is your responsibility not to exceed this threshold.

GREASE RECYCLING CONTAINERS & POWER WASHING



Grease recycling containers

WHAT: Grease recycling containers should always have their lids secured and not overflow or leak. Pollutants that seep onto the ground or that are removed with power washing can harm aquatic wildlife.

HOW TO COMPLY: It is illegal for water from power washing to be discharged into the storm drain system. Block storm drains with a water-tight barrier to prevent contamination and collect the used water.

If the discharge pH is between 5 and 11, has no visible oils or grease, and does not contain hazardous materials, used water can be discharged in an indoor drain.

Otherwise, take the water to the Drake Water Reclamation Facility (with prior approval by calling 970-221-6900).

For State guidelines on power washing and discharge, visit colorado.gov.



Grease in a storm drain

SIDEWALK SALTING



Excess salt on sidewalk

WHAT: Salts can accumulate on walkways and enter storm drains that flow directly to the Poudre River.

HOW TO COMPLY: Salt walkways around your business as you see fit to ensure winter safety for patrons. Sweep up excess salt after the snow has melted to prevent excess sodium and chloride from entering our rivers and streams.