



## WESTMINSTER

# FATS, OIL, GREASE & GRIT (FOGG) RETENTION DEVICE PROGRAM

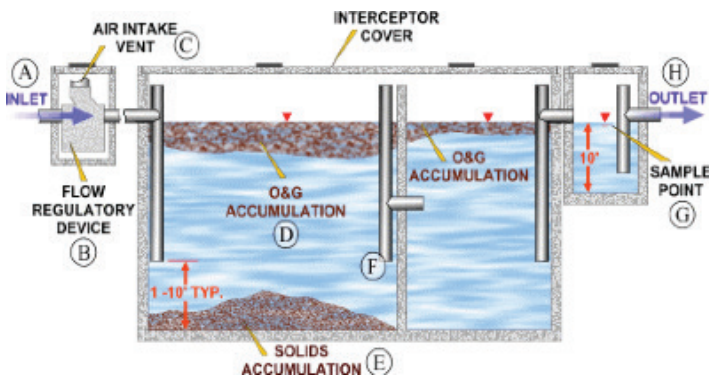
### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What is a FOGG retention device?

There are many types of FOGG retention devices such as grease interceptors, grease traps, hydromechanical grease interceptors, sand and oil interceptors and traps, as well as hair traps. They have different designs, but serve the same function to capture the substances that negatively affect the performance of the collection system.

#### What is the regulation that requires pretreatment?

The City of Westminster's Municipal Code includes pretreatment requirements that were established in the early 1970s by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Colorado's Department of Public Health and Environment's Regulation 63 to reduce pollutants in wastewater. When fats, oils and grease cool, they attach to the sanitary sewer pipes and cause blockages. As the grit combines with the attached grease, both build up creating a concrete-like substance that is hard to remove from the wastewater collection system. FOGG retention devices capture the waste at the point of generation. If they were not required, the waste would clog the collection system pipes and manholes causing extra maintenance, overflows and extra treatment at the wastewater plant.





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#### What changes are coming?

The FOGG Retention Device Program is being enhanced to include the following: public outreach with educational materials, monthly inspections and monthly inspection service fees.

#### When will these changes start?

Effective Jan. 1, 2017, a \$2 service fees will be assessed to every owner of a mandated FOGG retention device. The Westminster Municipal Code is in the process of being changed to incorporate these changes.

#### Am I the only one paying for this service?

Simply put, “no.” The wastewater rates are also increasing and will provide a base revenue for the enhanced F.O.G.G. Retention Device Program. The City of Westminster realizes that every wastewater customer benefits from a robust and proactive program.

#### Why is a service fee being implemented?

The inspection service fee is intended to offset the additional level of service that is required by this program for a small percentage of the city’s wastewater users. The revenues collected will be used for administrative purposes like certified mailings, re-inspections and associated expenses.

#### Who can I contact to discuss these changes?

Every FOGG customer is encouraged to contact the Wastewater foreman at 303-658-2574 to discuss questions that you may have specifically about these changes. You may also email questions to [FOGG@cityofwestminster.us](mailto:FOGG@cityofwestminster.us) and one of our FOGG technicians will respond to your inquiry. Lastly, information is available on the City website at: [www.ci.westminster.co.us/Pretreatment](http://www.ci.westminster.co.us/Pretreatment).

#### How does this program benefit me?

Proactive maintenance of the active FOGG devices within the wastewater collection system is proven to significantly reduce the sewer backups in the collection system as well as your private sewer service.