



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Waste Management

Grease Waste Overview

What is Grease Waste?

Restaurants and other food businesses collect used grease in special containers, called grease traps or interceptors, until it is picked up by a licensed company or handled by the business.

Why is Proper Grease Waste Disposal Important?

If grease waste is not handled properly, it can clog sewer pipes and harm the environment. Proper disposal helps protect the environment and keeps wastewater systems working. Grease can travel far through rainwater runoff, so even small spills can cause major problems.

Who Handles Grease Waste?

Hauler

A licensed individual or company that collects and disposes of grease waste.

Self-cleaner

An originator with a grease trap storage capacity less than or equal to 55 gallons, that removes and transports its own grease waste.

Disposal Facility

A permitted or certified location that accepts and processes grease waste.

What Are Their Responsibilities?

Regulations for grease waste removal and disposal are outlined in Chapter 403.0741, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 62-705, Florida Administrative Code. Links to these regulations, including all required forms, are available at FloridaDEP.gov/GreaseWaste.

Who	Getting Started	If Already Operating	Ongoing Duties
Hauler	Apply for a license 30 days before starting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apply before June 5, 2026.Renew by March 1 each year.License expires April 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use rule required service manifest for every job.Keep records for one year.
Self-cleaner	Follow all hauler rules (except licensing).	Follow all hauler rules (except licensing).	Keep signed service manifests.
Disposal Facility	Apply for certification if not already permitted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apply before Dec. 7, 2026 (unless already permitted).Renew 60 days before expiration.Certification expires 3 years from issuance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sign service manifests.Keep monthly records.Inspect tanks regularly.Process grease within 6 months.

Need More Info?

Visit FloridaDEP.gov/GreaseWaste.