



Grease Storage Bin Requirements

The requirements for grease storage bins are intended to protect the environment and reduce nuisance to the public.

- All grease storage bins must be leak-proof and have a close-fitting lid.
- Keep lids closed. Only open lid while you are adding grease to the bin.
- If your bin is shared with other businesses, located in a shared area or public right of way, clearly label bins with business name and address of all contributing businesses.
- Empty bins when necessary to prevent overflows or spilling. Report leaks to your grease service provider immediately, keep contact information on hand.
- Clean up all spills on or around the storage bins immediately. Use dry methods only to clean spills (best practices are outlined on the opposite side of this flyer). You must prevent any grease or cleaning materials from polluting our stormwater.
- Keep area around the storage bin clean and free of any waste, including grease, food scraps, absorption materials, buckets, trash, etc.



Penalties for Violations

If your grease bin and grease bin storage area are not maintained, as required, the City will notify you to clean the bin and area within a short time frame. If you do not take corrective action, the City will abate the nuisance and recover costs from the grease bin users.

More information for restaurants and businesses about handling Fats, Oils & Grease appropriately is located at lawrenceks.org/mso/fog-restaurants. If a spill occurs that is not able to be contained before reaching a stormwater drain, call Municipal Services & Operations Customer Service immediately at 785-832-7800.

Cleaning Spills On and Around Grease Storage Bins

Make spill containment and clean-up kits readily available, so that you can begin cleaning immediately if a spill happens. Immediate cleaning helps prevent pollution.

Step 1: Scrape & Absorb

Use absorbent pads or other materials to clean up grease and oil spills. Free-flowing absorbent materials such as kitty litter or sawdust may be used, but must be contained so they don't become pollution. Cleaned up all absorption materials immediately.

Step 2: Dispose of Absorption Materials

Put absorption materials in a leak-proof plastic bag. Securely seal the bag and dispose of it in the trash.

Step 3: Mop & Bucket

Once most of the spill has been absorbed and you have disposed of the absorption materials, use a mop and bucket to clean remaining residue. Once the area is mopped, empty the mop bucket contents into a sink connected to a grease interceptor. Never empty mop buckets outside and never use a hose to rinse spills. This leads to surface water contamination.

Grease Spill Prevention & Clean-up Plans

Be sure to have contact information for your grease service provider readily available to call for service or in event of a bin leaking. Your plans should include:

- Best practices for preventing spills at your business, such as not overfilling containers taken to the bin.
- Location of your spill containment and cleanup kit and what materials should be in the kit.
- Location of storm drains near your business
- Who to contact if the spill kit is out of a specified cleanup material.

Spill Containment & Clean-up Kits

Your kit should be easily accessible and include:

- Absorbent materials, including absorbent pads, kitty litter and sawdust
- Leak-proof plastic bags
- A broom and dustpan or shovel