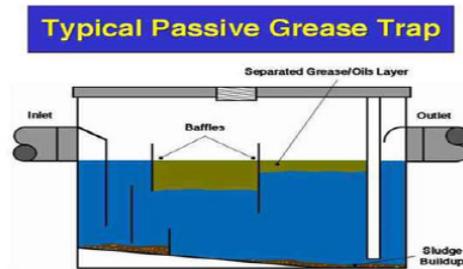


**Grease traps are devices that stop waste grease from entering the sanitary sewer system. Once in the system, grease clogs pipes and causes problems with pumps and controls, resulting in expensive maintenance and repair costs.**



- **Who decides who has to have a grease trap?** Grease traps are required by the Ohio plumbing code for new buildings. Additionally, Canal Winchester has an ordinance requiring grease traps for certain businesses.
- **I've been in business for years — why am I now being compelled to clean my grease trap?** Maintenance requirements have been in effect for years in virtually every community in Central Ohio, including Canal Winchester, and this maintenance should have been done all along. Increased emphasis on enforcing these ordinances is a result of rising maintenance costs and the need for environmental responsibility.
- **How often must I have the grease trap serviced?** We require that the grease trap be cleaned a minimum of every 3 months, and that a report of this service be mailed to us for our records. These records must also be posted near the grease trap for inspection purposes. If maintenance of the grease trap is performed by a village approved company, this report may be provided to us by them as part of the service contract.
- **How often will my grease trap be inspected by Canal Winchester Officials?** We will inspect each grease trap at least once annually, but reserve the right to inspect it at any time, especially in the event of a spill or complaint.
- **What happens if I fail to comply?** Failure to comply may result in fines being levied, or the village owned utilities being turned off to the business premise, or a combination of both.
- **Where can I go for additional information on how to maintain my grease trap?** More in-depth information on various sewer issues may be found at our website— <http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov/>