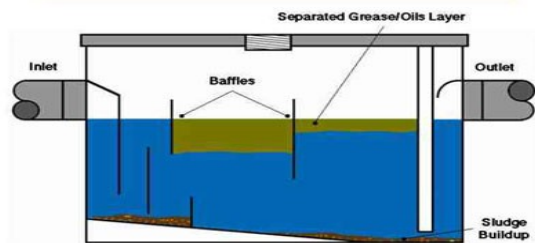


Grease Trap FAQs

(Frequently Asked Questions)

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.

Typical Passive Grease Trap



- **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, and you should have been doing this all along. Increased emphasis on enforcing these ordinances is a result of the need for cost savings and environmental responsibility.
- **How often must I have the grease trap serviced?** We require that you have the grease trap cleaned a minimum of every 3 months, and that you mail a report of this service to us for your records. If maintenance of your grease trap is performed by a village approved company, this report may be provided to us by them as part of your 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 water 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/>