



CITY OF WATERLOO, IOWA

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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Dear Owners and Managers of Food Service Establishments,

The City of Waterloo is committed to providing safe, cost-effective wastewater service to commercial and residential customers within our city. We are equally dedicated to operating our wastewater system in an environmentally responsible manner. On November 24, 2014 the City of Waterloo adopted an ordinance to regulate Fats, Oils and Greases discharged by Food Service Establishments (FSE) as a result of EPA mandates. The purpose of this ordinance is to aid in the prevention of sanitary sewer blockages and obstructions from contribution and accumulation of fat, oil and grease (FOG) into the publicly owned treatment works. Such discharges from commercial kitchens, restaurants, food processing facilities and all other establishments where FOG are discharged can contribute to line blockages and/or spills.

The City of Waterloo is now developing a FOG program designed to educate these establishments in Best Management Practices (BMP) to include requirements for procedures and practices that reduce the discharge of FOG from establishments into the sanitary sewer system. This program will include inspections of establishments, to include their grease traps or interceptors, as well as maintenance logs for these devices.

Over the following weeks, City of Waterloo FOG Inspector will contact your establishment to discuss the program and requirements and answer questions you may have. You will also find pertinent information, including the FOG Ordinance in its entirety, on the City of Waterloo website. This packet includes a handout describing some of the Best Management Practices that will aid in prevention of sanitary sewer blockages, as well as a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

Please contact the Waste Management Services Department at 291-4553 with questions. The City of Waterloo appreciates your cooperation in making our city safe for the public and our environment.

Sincerely

Bob Lentzkow
FOG Inspector
City of Waterloo

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