

Grease Interceptors (GI, also known as grease traps GT) that are located on a property which receives wastewater service from Austin Water must be abandoned or removed in accordance with the requirements listed below. Before abandoning or removing any pretreatment device, the customer must receive written approval from Industrial Waste (IW).

## REQUIREMENTS

1. Have a Liquid Waste Hauler (LWH) pump out each GI that will be abandoned or removed. Only LWHs with valid permits from the City of Austin and the State of Texas are permitted to perform pump-outs. The LWH's manifest or "trip ticket," along with written approval from Industrial Waste, must be posted on-site or made available during inspections. Visit the SSD's Liquid Waste Hauler Program webpage for a current list of LWHs: [www.austintexas.gov/department/liquid-waste-hauler-program](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/liquid-waste-hauler-program)
  
- 2a) **Option 1 - Abandonment (Figure 1):** All internal piping shall be completely removed. The inlet and outlet must be properly cut and capped. The GI's top cover must either be taken off or crushed into the empty tank. The GI must be backfilled no higher than the vertical top vertical edges of the tank with a material less than three (3) inches in diameter and free of any organic or construction debris.  
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- 2b) **Option 2 - Removal (Figure 2):** The GT or GI shall be removed entirely. The inlet and outlet shall be cut and capped properly. Backfill as required by Plumbing Inspector.

**Examples of acceptable fill material** include sand; sandy loam; pea gravel; crushed limestone base; or clean Class III soils. Clay soils should be avoided due to their high shrink/swell characteristics.

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### Industrial Waste may provide written approval for this work in one of the following ways:

- IW approved Site Plan (requirements shown on demolition plan)
- IW approved Site Plan Exemption (requirements shown on exemption plans)
- IW approved Building Plan (requirements shown on plumbing demolition plans)
- Industrial Waste Approval Letter
- Correspondence via email

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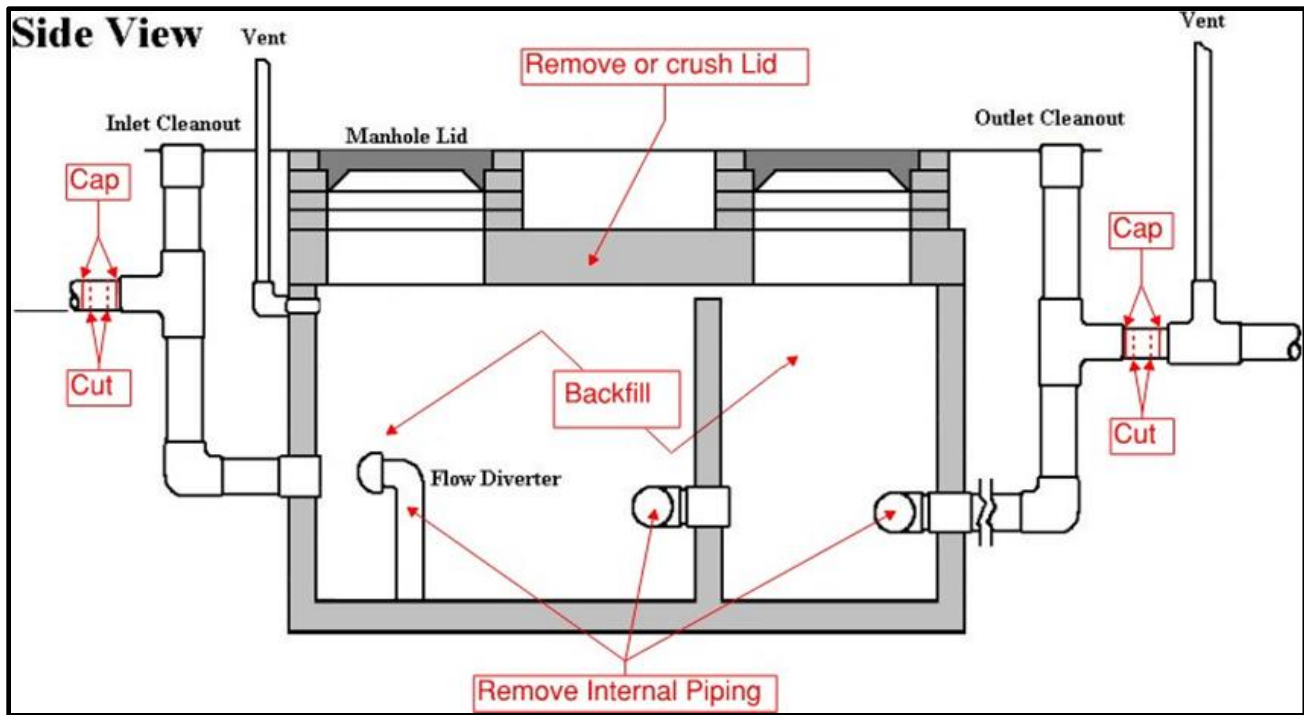
**Note #1:** These requirements do not apply to any GT or GI device connected to a septic tank system or other on-site sewage facility. Contact the Austin Water Utility's On-Site Sewage Facilities Program (OSSF) at (512) 972-0050 for more details on the necessary documentation, costs, and inspections before discarding any such device. You can access the relevant OSSF program paperwork online at [www.austintexas.gov/department/ossf-program-forms](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/ossf-program-forms).

**Note #2:** The Industrial Waste office does not determine the permit procedures that must be followed for this work. Because of the wide range of scenarios, there is no single answer that applies to all situations. To ensure that you comply with the rules governing permit requests, plan reviews, and/or inspections, please get in touch with the [Development Services Department \(DSD\)](#).

- The following website provides DSD appointments to help with queries about development and permits: <https://www.austintexas.gov/pdc-appointments>
- Customers can also seek assistance by calling 3-1-1.

**Figure 1.**

Conceptual Diagram of Grease Interceptor Abandonment



**Figure 2.**

Conceptual Diagram of Grease Interceptor Removal

