



Dear Automotive Business Owner/Operator:

The City of Mesa is currently in the process of providing pollution prevention and preventative maintenance education to local automotive businesses to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal requirements.

Sand and oil removal devices commonly known as sand/oil interceptors are required during the construction of most auto service/repair facilities. If proper cleaning and maintenance of the interceptor are not performed on a regular schedule (minimum yearly), the interceptor becomes fouled, allowing oils, solvents, grit, and debris to pass through the device and accumulate on pipe walls causing blockages and foul odors in the sewer system. Where installed, the owner, at his or her expense, shall maintain all interceptors to ensure continuously efficient operation at all times as required per City Code Title 8, Chapter 4, Sections 17(K)(5), 17(V), 22(D), 27(A)(5).

The City of Mesa could assess charges to your company for the time and resources used to investigate and/or make repairs to the sanitary sewer system caused by blockages, due to improper maintenance of interceptors.

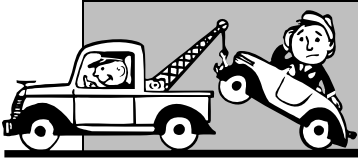
PREFERRED METHOD OF CLEANING

The preferred method of cleaning an oil and grease interceptor is to pump out the entire device, which includes removal of all the contents in the device, and removal of residual wastes after scraping/hosing down. During cleaning operations, it is recommended that a representative from the facility be present to make sure all is completed properly. While the device is empty, an inspection should be conducted to verify that there are down-turned elbows/tees on the inlet and outlet piping, and that they are in good condition.

If you have any questions or comments, or require assistance, please call the Industrial Pretreatment Section at (480) 644-5399 or (480) 644-2484

Thank you,

City of Mesa
Utilities Department
Industrial Pretreatment Section



Best Management Practices for Automotive Service/Repair Facilities



DO.....

- Recycle used oil, antifreeze, and other vehicle fluids
- Replace harmful solvents with aqueous cleaners/degreasers where applicable
- Replace or minimize the use of aerosol spray products by using refillable spray bottles
- Try to contain fluid spills, and use a “dry” cleanup method
- Set up a regular cleaning schedule for your sand/oil interceptor
- Keep all sand/oil interceptor service records (or copies) at facility for a minimum of three years
- Have a company representative present during interceptor cleaning
- Contact the City of Mesa’s Industrial Pretreatment Section if you have questions or need assistance concerning any sand/oil interceptor issues

(480-644-5399 or 480-644-2484)

DON'T.....

- Do not dispose of oil/grease wastes down drains
- Do not dispose of old chemicals down drains
- Do not hose down spills to a floor drain
- Do not wait until your sand/oil interceptor is overflowing to get it cleaned
- Do not use a drain opening chemical to open a clogged drain (call a professional plumber to evaluate the situation)