

City of Edmonton Drainage Requirements for Festivals and Events

1. As per the Drainage Bylaw 16200, it is a requirement that “Owner of all premises in which there is commercial or institutional food preparation must install an oil and great interceptor”. The grease interceptor must be installed downstream of all fixtures that may release oil and grease. This requirement is to protect the City’s sewer system from being impacted by grease accumulation in the pipes which causes millions of dollars a year to remove and numerous sewer blockages and backups.
2. Commencing in January 2016, all food handling vendors shall have a grease interceptor downstream of wash sinks. One main downstream grease interceptor is acceptable so long as all wastewater is treated prior to being released to the sewer. Exemptions to the requirement of a grease interceptor may be determined by Drainage Services.
3. All festivals and events requiring the use of the sewer are required to contact Drainage Services to determine what their drainage requirements are. See contact information below.
4. Festivals/events taking place on City owned land will require a Permit to Release. A permit fee will be applied. One permit to Release will be issued to the festival/event and not to each vendor unless otherwise determined necessary by Drainage Services.
5. All Festivals and Events with food vendors requiring the use of the sewer will require a grease interceptor downstream of all wash facilities (excluding hand wash only sinks). In some cases, the use of Best Management Practices (BMP’s) can be implemented to take the place of a grease interceptor if deemed appropriate by Drainage Services.
6. Grease bins must be in place for vendors to dispose of any used cooking oils generated.
7. Contractors wishing to dispose of black wastewater (portable toilet wastes) must apply for a separate Permit to Release. Alternatively, they may obtain card access to use a transfer station for disposal. Wastewater disposal fees will apply. Please contact Randy Kruper for more information on this at 780-496-4353. The Poundmaker Transfer Station is located at 10810 – 186 Street, Edmonton and the Clover Bar Transfer station is located at 53317 RR 232, Strathcona County.
8. Grey wastewater (all water excluding toilet waste) being released to the sewer will not have any disposal costs associated unless deemed necessary by Drainage Services.