

OIL/WATER SEPARATOR REGULATION
(effective 2/28/23)

A. Oil/Water Separators - An Owner of a building or business requiring an oil/water separator pursuant to these regulations shall be required to obtain written authorization from the Sewer Department which shall comply with the following:

1. Oil/water separators shall be required on sewers or combined sewers directly or indirectly tributary to the Town's wastewater system from existing and new garages, services stations, enclosed parking areas, and other establishments capable of discharging petroleum-based oil or grease, flammable wastes, sand, or other harmful substances.
2. The determination as to whether an oil/water separator is required rests with the Sewer Commission or their agent. The type, capacity, location, and construction of all oil/water separators shall be approved by the DPW Director. All traps shall be of substantial construction, watertight and equipped with easily removable covers which when bolted into place shall be gastight and watertight and shall be located so as to be readily accessible for maintenance and inspection. The DPW shall have the right to inspect such facilities.
3. Where oil/water separators are required, they shall be installed and maintained continuously to satisfactory and effective operation by, and at the expense of the Owner or User. Both the Owner of the premises where an oil/water separator is required, and the Owner or operator of the establishment or business conducted on the premises shall be jointly and severally responsible for installing an oil/water separator acceptable to the DPW, and for properly servicing and maintaining an oil/water separator.
4. The Owner or operator of the establishment or business conducted on the premises where the oil/water separator is located shall maintain a log describing the date and type of all services and maintenance performed in connection with the oil/water separator, the identity of the licensed company/person who performed the service or maintenance, the amount of residue removed from the oil/water separator on each date, and the method of disposal of the residue. The log entries shall be maintained for six years and shall be made available for inspection. In addition, the Hauler shall provide written documentation to the establishment on the services provided, date, amount of residue removed, and disposal facility. The owner and/or operator of the establishment shall submit a completed Separator Service Report to the Sewer Commission within 30 days of such action.
5. The oil/water separator shall be pumped out, cleaned and/or repaired frequently and at a minimum twice annually, unless the Sewer Commission mandates increased frequency.. Floating oil and sediment (or any hazardous material found therein) shall be removed by a properly licensed contractor and disposed of in accordance with State and Federal Regulations.
6. Oil/water separators shall conform to the regulations of the State Uniform Plumbing Code, 248 CMR 2:00, and all other applicable laws.
7. All costs and expenses incident to the application for the design, construction, installation, connection, repair, and maintenance of a building sewer lateral, other private sewers, special facilities, particle separators, grease traps, oil traps, or other wastewater facilities shall be borne by the Owner.

B. Sand Interceptors - Floor Drains

1. Wherever a floor drain discharges waste to an oil and gasoline separator, the floor drain shall be equipped with an approved sediment and sand control basket, or the floor drain shall discharge through a sand interceptor.
2. Multiple floor drains may discharge into one sand interceptor.
3. Sand Interceptors - Commercial Establishments. Sand and similar interceptors for heavy solids shall:
 - be so designed and located as to be readily accessible for cleaning; and
 - have a water seal of not less than six inches.
 - be pumped out, cleaned and/or repaired frequently and at a minimum twice annually, unless the Sewer Commission mandates increased frequency.

C. General Provisions**1. Annual Permit Fees**

- a) Annual Permit Fees shall be assessed to each establishment regulated under this regulation. The Sewer Commission will provide an application form to collect the information required for approval. Completed forms and Permit Fees will be due 30 days prior to the annual effective date of April 1st of each year. If an approved Permit is not issued by the Sewer Commission by this date, the establishment will not be allowed to dispose of wastewater from fixtures that require an Oil/Water Separator. The annual permit fee is \$150.00.
- b) These annual permit fees are separate and distinct from any monetary penalties assessed in direct response to violations in accordance with Section VII of this regulation.
- c) No renewal application will be accepted or processed for any property with outstanding, unpaid fees or penalties.

2. Violations & Penalties

1. Written or electronic notice of any violation of this policy shall be given to the Owner by an Agent of the Sewer Commission, specifying the nature, time and date of the violation, any preventative measures required to avoid future violations, and a correction time frame.
2. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements specified in this regulation may result in an automatic Noncompliance fine of \$100.00.
3. Continued noncompliance with any requirement of this regulation, or failure to correct an existing violation may result in a Noncompliance Fine of \$25.00 per day of violation retroactive to the start of the noncompliance until compliance is achieved.