

Rogue Valley Sewer Service Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Compliance Program

RVS has developed and is implementing a program for the proper handling of FOG

Most blockages in the local sewer system can be traced to FOG. These blockages are serious as they can be a public health, safety, and welfare risk to the local communities because the blockages often cause sewage spills, sewage overflows from manholes, sewage backups into homes and businesses and additional work for maintenance staff. Additionally, FOG hampers the treatment of wastewater at the treatment plant.

- First, RVS will provide information and education including a letter to alert restaurant owners about the FOG Compliance Program. More information on FOG can be obtained from Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA) at website <http://www.oracwa.org>
- Second, RVS will develop a list of the facilities that currently do not properly handle FOG. These facilities will be:
 - Inspected by representatives from RVS with the restaurant owner and/or manager present.
 - Issued a Notice of Non-Compliance Letter requiring correction of deficiencies, schedule for compliance, and consequences for non-compliance.
- Last, if the above measures do not obtain compliance, RVS may issue fines based on the severity of the problem taking into consideration any corrective actions completed. Fines may be up to \$2,000 per day per violation.

Authority and Penalty

Rogue Valley Sewer Service Code Chapter 8.15 - Prohibited Discharges and Accidental Discharges, specifically prohibits the discharge of grease or other solid or viscous substances which may cause obstruction to the flow in a sewer or other interference with the operation of the wastewater treatment facilities. Additionally Chapter 4.05 - Storm Water Management prohibits discharge of FOG into the Stormwater Sewer System.