Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Haulers Certification Requirements

Information for FOG Pumper Certification in Pierce County

If you pump Fat, Oils and Grease (FOG) from grease traps or interceptors connected to an on-site sewage system in Pierce County, you need a Health Department certification. (Environmental Health Code, Chapter 2: On-Site Sewage Regulations, Section 46. WAC 246-272A-0340). A Contractor’s License from Washington State Department of Labor & Industries doesn’t meet certification requirements.

Firms that pump both FOG and septage from on-site sewer systems must apply for an annual certification as an Operation & Maintenance Firm (with trucks).

Firms that pump FOG—but not septage—from grease traps or interceptors connected to an on-site sewage system must apply for an annual certification as a Non-Septage Hauler and register all FOG-hauling pump trucks with us. We will assign your firm a Pierce County pumper permit number before your truck inspection.

Once we approve your certification, we will list your firm’s name, pumper permit ID and phone number on our Septic System Service Companies list.

You may also register for OnlineRME FOG reporting.

If you haul FOG from grease traps and interceptors connected to City or County sewers, we don’t require certification.

Non-compliance penalty

If you pump grease traps and interceptors connected to on-site sewage systems in Pierce County, you must be certified. The health officer may enforce administrative civil penalties for certification violations. We can also recover the cost to enforce regulations including, but not limited to, attorney fees and collection costs. (Environmental Health Code, Chapter 2: On-Site Sewage Regulations, Section 50 (B)(1)(e). WAC 246-272A-0430. RCW 70A.105.120)

For more information, visit tpchd.org/healthy-homes/septic-systems/information-for-professionals.