



Penalties and Fines For Non-Compliance

The Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority (SWPCA) is obliged to enforce state laws and local regulations pertaining to the discharge of fats, oils, and grease generated by food service establishments into the City's sanitary sewer system. SWPCA's preference is to work with the owner/operators of food service establishments in achieving compliance with governing laws and regulations, and the City's FOG Abatement Program policies and procedures. However, should it become necessary for enforcement action to occur, listed below is an overview of the fines and penalties for non-compliance and one or more can occur.

- For major violations, a monetary fine of **\$250.00 per day** for each day the violation continues until such time as compliance has been achieved as determined by SWPCA. Some examples of major violations include but are not limited to: failure to register or re-register the FSE within the time frame specified; failure to obtain a Permit to Discharge; failure to install adequate grease management equipment or gross negligence on maintenance.
- For minor violations, a monetary fine of **\$100.00 per day** for each day the violation continues until such time as compliance has been achieved as determined by SWPCA. Some examples of minor violation include but are not limited to: failure to maintain or produce up to date Log Sheets; failure to obtain and implement an approved FOG Abatement Plan for the facility; inadequate maintenance of grease management equipment.
- **Revocation of a Permit to Discharge** and/or **Issuance of Cease and Desist Order** whereas the FSE owner/operator will no longer be permitted to discharge wastewater generated by the food service establishment into the City's sanitary sewer system.
- **Legal action** brought against the owner/operator of the FSE which includes recapturing legal fees and expenses incurred by SWPCA. Additional penalties as high as \$90.00 per day are imposed for non-payment of fines within a time frame specified.