



Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority

FOG Program History

The Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority Fats, Oils, and Grease (F.O.G) Program ensures that FOG generators are in compliance with the PCWASA Sewer Use Ordinance through proper grease trap installations, accurate grease trap FOG inspections, and adherence to established cleaning frequency scheduling. In addition, the FOG program educates the general public on residential grease problems.

Beginning in the 1970's, Georgia Utilities operated and maintained the sewer system in Peachtree City. On May 29, 1997, the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority acquired the facilities and infrastructure from Georgia Utilities. The Authority continued the established FOG Program as outlined in the Sewer Use Ordinance, under the leadership of Susan Lee, Operations Division Manager.

To support the success of the FOG program, PCWASA became an active and founding member of the Georgia F.O.G Alliance in 2001 and maintains its membership to date. The Georgia F.O.G Alliance is a non-profit organization that educates and promotes a cleaner environment by controlling fats, oils, and grease.

In May 2003, the Authority's FOG Program was transitioned to the Technical Services Division. The FOG Program was administered by Kelly Clute. Ms. Clute was instrumental in developing a FOG database which consisted of pertinent information related to grease generators and minimizing illegal dumping of FOG contents by grease transporters.

From August 2006 to March 2020, Xavier Davis, PCWASA FOG Program Coordinator, administered the WASA FOG program. FOG generators in Peachtree City include restaurants, hair salons and pet grooming salons. Each generator is inspected on a basis of every 12-18 months. In January 2013, the inspection of grit/sand interceptors located at car wash facilities began. In addition, the inspection of oil/water separators located at vehicle maintenance facilities began in September 2013.

The Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority's FOG Program also includes an educational component. FOG education materials such as, door hangers, and brochures are distributed to FOG generators and residents in Peachtree City. Information on FOG is also available on the Authority's website. The FOG Program has also held several workshops on "How To Control FOG" for the Fayette County School System and local nursing homes.

The FOG Program complies with all laws, and regulations as established by the State of Georgia. This includes the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (O.C.G.A. §12-15-21) and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Wastewater Management Plan.

The Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority's FOG Program continues to mitigate grease in the sanitary sewer collection system, preventing sanitary sewerage overflows and promoting a healthy watershed.