

# HOUSTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Special Waste Generators



**Can Do Pressure Washing has taken the city's FAQ and consolidated for pressure washing inside the city limits. I have added a few comments in brackets [ ].**

## WASTE GENERATOR'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Can I pressure wash my driveway, side walk, or parking lot?**

You may only use a permitted pressure washing company that has a current and valid permit with the City of Houston Health Department, and who is equipped to collect all pressured wash water and prevent it from entering the storm drain or sewer and be disposed at an approved treatment facility].

- **How do I know if the truck that is cleaning my interceptor [surface run-off] is permitted?**

The vehicle will have current and valid waste transporter decals on the doors of each side of the truck and also on the back of the tank. The decal will show the company's permit number, truck number and the current permit year.

- **What do I do about my citation?**

You are able to receive fine amounts and court procedures at [www.houstoncourts.org](http://www.houstoncourts.org), by calling 311 or (713) 837-0311.

- **How do I submit a complaint?**

To submit a complaint, you must call 832.393.5740 in addition to calling 311. You will need the exact address of the concern, business name if applicable and environmental concern. You are not required to submit your personal information.

- **What should I expect from an inspection? [city police or inspectors drive by a job site]**

All establishments with interceptors [surface run-off location] will be inspected on a routine basis, or if a complaint is reported. There will be no prior notification for inspections. During an inspection, the City's investigator will need to be provided with the following documents:

- Original Fats, Oils, and Grease Permit
- Yellow and white copies of waste manifests for the past 5 years
- Invoices from permitted Biological pre-treatment company (if applicable)
- Notice of Waiver (if applicable)
- Copies of previous inspections

During the inspection, your sample well, grease trap, dumpster, rendering oil bin, [surface run-off] and surrounding area will be checked for proper maintenance and upkeep [and run-off containment].

- **What is a waste manifest?**

A waste manifest is an official government document that must be completed every time your interceptor is cleaned. The generator must sign the top portion of the manifest attesting to the fact that the entire content of the trap was removed. The white and yellow copies manifest must be retained ONSITE for at least 5 years from the clean out [run-off disposal] date.