

REMOVE GREASE FROM HOOD, DUCT, AND FILTERS (KEEP CLEAN)

CODE SECTIONS

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904.11.6.3 Cleaning. Hoods, grease-removal devices, fans, ducts and other appurtenances shall be cleaned at intervals necessary to prevent the accumulation of grease. Cleanings shall be recorded, and records shall state the extent, time and date of cleaning. Such records shall be maintained on the premises.

EXPLANATION

Exhaust hoods are systems installed to remove from the building grease-laden vapors produced by cooking. The filters in the hood capture the vapors from the air prior to reaching the exterior. Grease will accumulate in these filters and throughout the hood including the fusible links that automatically activate the fire suppression system for your exhaust hood. If the inspector feels the accumulation of grease is excessive to the extent where the fire suppression system may not properly function or that the excessive grease constitutes a fire hazard, a thorough cleaning is required. Records of all hood cleanings shall be recorded and the log shall be provided to the inspector.

RATIONALE

Grease-laden vapors produced from cooking will accumulate in your exhaust hood system. This accumulation is a fire hazard and must be removed to reduce the likelihood of a fire in your kitchen. This accumulation can also hinder the proper operation of the fire suppression system installed in your hood or by creating a larger fire than the suppression system can extinguish.