

Grinder Unit Care & Maintenance

Why is cooking grease a problem?

- ✓ If you pour cooking grease down your drains, it may build up, block your pipes, and cause rancid odors or messy, costly sewage backups in your home.
- ✓ It can also clog KMUD's sewer lines. In fact, grease is a major cause of dry weather sewer overflows, which are a potential threat to our environment.
- ✓ And don't believe the old wives' tale about running hot water after pouring grease down the drain: It doesn't work. The grease eventually cools, then congeals and coats pipes. When enough grease builds up, it can block your plumbing or KMUD's sewer lines.

Where is grease produced?

- ✓ Restaurants, condominiums, apartment buildings, homes, schools, churches, food-processing plants, shopping malls, hospitals, hotels, and many more locations all produce grease.

Grease is a by-product of cooking and is found in things like these:

Dairy products	Food scraps	Lard	Cooking oil
Baking goods	Sauces	Shortening	Meat Fats
Butter and margarine			

What problems are caused by grease?

- ✓ Clogged drains or toilets Rancid odors Sewage backups into your home
- ✓ Sewer overflows in neighborhood parks, yards, and streets
- ✓ Expensive cleanup, repair, and replacement of the damaged property.
- ✓ Potential contact with bacteria and viruses that can cause illness.
- ✓ Higher operating and maintenance costs, potentially resulting in higher sewer bills for you.

How can you help CAN the Grease? Make your own can.

A metal coffee can with a plastic lid or empty metal soup or vegetable cans make great grease cans. Line your can with disposable heat-resistant oven bags. Throw the liners away (after grease cools) and reuse the can.

Prevent grease-related sewage overflows: Keep cooking grease out of the sewer system.

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