

HOLIDAY GREASE DISPOSAL

With holiday gatherings, out-of-town guests arriving, lots of baking and cooking, and garbage disposals working overtime during this busy season RMWD is asking its customers to remember to use best management practices when disposing of grease.

PROBLEM:

Approximately 60% of all sewer blockages are caused by grease in the system. Oil and grease will solidify as soon as they hit cold water in the sewage pipes and can cause a blockage. These blockages can result in raw sewage spilling into our waterways and ocean. Even mixing grease with warm soapy water does not prevent clogs.

SOLUTION:

Never put any type of grease or oil, whether it's frying oil, salad oil, or cooking grease, into the sewage system by dumping it down the sink.

- Put excess cooking oil or grease into a container and throw it in the trash.
- Wipe out greasy pots and pans with a paper towel before washing them.
- Do not use the garbage disposal to grind fat trimmings - wrap them up and put them in the trash.



LITTLE KNOW FACT:

The holiday season is the busiest time of the year for plumbers.



TIMING IS EVERYTHING!

Daylight-Saving Time is ending so when you reset those clocks this weekend don't forget to check the timers on your irrigation system controllers. Anytime is a good time for a sprinkler check-up to ensure your system is in proper working order. Check and replace the batteries and inspect your sprinkler heads. Don't forget to turn off your sprinklers when rain is in the forecast and leave them off for at least 72 hours afterward.

Small changes can make a big difference when it comes to outdoor watering. Knowing when and how to water allows you to keep a healthy landscape by starting new habits and checking your sprinklers when you change your clocks ensures you're not wasting water — and paying for it.

MORE WATER SAVINGS TIPS

Setting goals and cultivating good water use habits to reduce your water consumption around your house and property makes good sense. Without spending any money, you can evaluate your water use habits and implement some simple water-saving ideas.

- FILLI YOUR BATHTUB HALFWAY OR LESS
- TAKE A 3 TO 5-MINUTE SHOWER
- FIXI LEAKS IMMEDIATELY
- RUN FULL LOADS OF LAUNDRY AND DISHES
- TURN OFF THE TAP WHILE SHAVING OR BRUSHING YOUR TEETH
- PLUG UP THE SINK OR USE A WASH BASIN IF WASHING DISHES BY HAND
- SWEEP DRIVEWAYS, SIDEWALKS, AND STEPS RATHER THAN HOSING OFF
- WASH THE CAR WITH WATER FROM A BUCKET OR CONSIDER USING A COMMERCIAL CAR WASH THAT RECYCLES WATER



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