



Residential Sanitary Sewer Users

Residents should work to keep their wastewater free of fats, oils, and grease (FOG). A home is not considered a Food Service Establishment (FSE), but residents are major contributors to FOG building up in wastewater systems.

Look above and see some of the products that contribute to this contamination. It is likely that you are among many who are disposing of FOG into the wastewater system. Please play your role as an efficient member of our community by keeping everything but soap, water, toilet paper, and #1 & #2 out of our drains.

Following the tips provided under [Best Management Practices](#) will greatly benefit all water users.

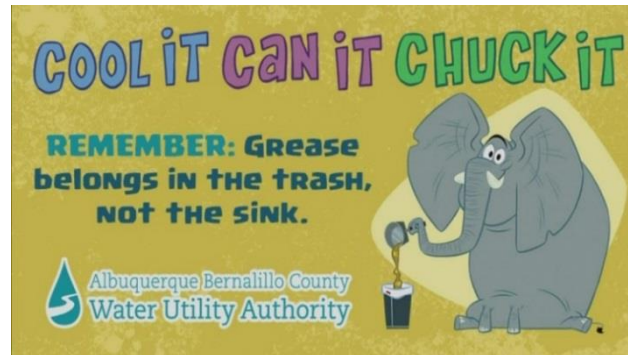


Who We Are

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (Water Authority) provides water and wastewater services to the greater Albuquerque metropolitan area.

The Water Authority's Mission is to:

- Assure responsive Customer Service
- Provide reliable, high quality, affordable and sustainable water supply, wastewater collection treatment, and reuse systems
- Support a healthy, environmentally-sustainable, and economically-viable community



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**BEST MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES
RESIDENTIAL SANITARY
SEWER USERS**



Never flush down the toilet:



Grease and “Disposables”

Sewage overflows are often caused by clogs due to grease and material blockages. These clogs or backups can occur in your private plumbing or in the public main sewer lines. Backups and overflows can put yours and your family’s health and safety at risk.



Additionally, grease buildup in both public and private sewer lines has the potential to cause property damage. If overflowing sewage were to reach the storm drain, it could have a negative impact on the environment and the Rio Grande.

Best Management Practices

- ✓ Scrape cookware, dishes, and storage containers into the trash.



- ✓ Wipe all dishes that have oily or greasy residues with a paper towel. Dispose of the towel in your trash receptacle.



- ✓ If a dishwasher is present, use it only for sanitizing purposes -- not grease removal.
- ✓ Do not wash solid grease and food down the drain.



- ✓ Eliminate the use of emulsifying additives such as degreasers and enzymes. The oil and grease problem is simply transferred to the sewer.



- ✓ Pour all liquid oil and grease into a grease waste container where it can be recycled or disposed of properly.



- ✓ Capture oil and grease wastes when cleaning ventilation/exhaust hoods.
- ✓ Use screens over drains to capture waste food materials. Dispose of this waste in the trash instead of using a garbage disposal.



- ✓ Do not dispose of pharmaceuticals through the sewers. Dispose of them at your pharmacy.



- ✓ Do not put anything down the drains except for toilet paper, water, soap, #1, and #2.



