

Lebanon Water Pollution Control Authority
Amston Lake Sewer District Area
Winterization Guidelines

All homeowners are encouraged to maintain a year-round electric power supply to the grinder pump. However, should temporary (seasonal) shut-off of electrical service to a residence be desired the following procedures shall be followed:

1. Winterize all plumbing fixtures in the usual manner, except for a single sink/faucet.
2. Turn on the water in the sink/faucet long enough to cause the grinder pump to start.
3. Turn water off once the grinder pump starts.
4. Allow grinder pump to shut off automatically. This purges the system of solids and leaves it filled with a minimum volume of clean water. **If power is left on to the pump/alarm panel (recommended) please follow steps 1 to 4 above.**
5. Add 7 gallons of pre-diluted RV type biodegradable antifreeze to the sink so it drains into the grinder pump.
6. Turn on the water in the sink until the grinder pump starts. Immediately shut off the water as soon as the pump starts
7. Winterize the sink/faucet.
8. Upon returning to the residence be sure that the power to the alarm panel and pump is turned on and proceed with normal use.

Please note that should a resident wish to terminate power to the grinder pumps, adverse impacts that could occur may result in a claim from the WPCA for the grinder pump repair or replacement if the above procedures are not followed.

GRINDER PUMP

To avoid blockages to your connection to the sewer system and damage to your grinder pump, the following items should **NOT** be placed into the system or run through your waste disposal unit:

GLASS
METAL
GRAVEL, SAND (including aquarium stone)
COFFEE GROUNDS
SEAFOOD SHELLS
SOCKS, RAGS OR CLOTHS
PLASTIC OF ANY KIND
SANITARY NAPKINS OR TAMPONS
DISPOSABLE DIAPERS
KITTY LITTER
EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS
FLAMMABLE MATERIALS
ANTIFREEZE
LUBRICATING OIL, GREASE, COOKING OIL AND PAINT
STRONG CHEMICALS
GASOLINE OR DIESEL FUEL
STORMWATER RUNOFF
DISPOSABLE TOILET BOWL SCRUBBERS
BONES
EGGSHELLS
CONDOMS/PROPHYLACTICS
CANDLE WAX
FIREPLACE ASHES
GLOVES-LATEX OR RUBBER
CIGARETTE BUTTS
HAIR CLIPPINGS/PET CLIPPINGS
SYRINGES/NEEDLES & TIP GUARDS
WIPES: BABY, CLEANING OR SANITARY
DENTAL FLOSS
NON-DISSOLVING TISSUE OR TOILET PAPER
PAPER TOWELS
WASTE FOOD PRODUCTS
MEDICINES

It is unlawful to have sump pumps, footing drains, curtain drains, french drains, yard drains, downspouts and water treatment backwash connected to the public sewer system.

NOTICE:

Any of these items that cause blockages and damages on your property to the sewer system including the grinder pump may be your responsibility and you may be charged for repair or replacement.