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TAKING CARE OF YOUR GRINDER PUMP SYSTEM

By following these suggestions you will not only extend the life of your grinder pump but you will also help protect the environment.

A Home is not a 'Home Sweet Home' without a properly functioning grinder pump.

Check with your local Authorities and Regulators for additional recommendations

✓ **DO...**

- ✓ Mark location of the pump tank access cover if below grade. If the cover is more than 12 inches below grade, a riser should be installed for easier access.
- ✓ Trim vegetative growth over grinder pump tank.
- ✓ Have your grinder pump tank cleaned every 6 months if you use a garbage disposal (garbage disposals are not recommended).
- ✓ Have your grinder pump unit cleaned and inspected at least once a year.
- ✓ Keep records of cleaning and maintenance.
- ✓ Periodically listen to your pump and take note if it makes unusual noises when it turns on and off or if the pump seems to run for an extended period of time.
- ✓ Exercise water conservation. Upgrade old fixtures and appliances to water conserving models.
- ✓ Use as many bio-degradable products as possible.
- ✓ Repair leaking faucets or other plumbing fixtures immediately. Routinely check your toilet flush valve (flapper) to be sure water isn't running continuously.

Ø DO NOT...

- Ø Flush semi or non-biodegradable items into your grinder pump, including coffee grounds, cooking fats, paper towels, wet-strength towels, sanitary wipes, facial tissues, cigarette butts, newspapers, writing paper, rags, disposable diapers, baby wipes, cat litter, feminine hygiene products or condoms.
- Ø Connect roof drains, sump pumps, condensate lines, humidifiers, de-humidifiers, or yard drains to grinder pump units.
- Ø Plant shrubs or trees near the grinder pump unit.
- Ø Irrigate, direct rain spouting lines, and surface water over top of the grinder pump unit.
- Ø Drive vehicles or heavy machinery over top of the grinder pump unit.
- Ø Build anything above or cover the grinder pump unit with a hard surface such as concrete or asphalt.
- Ø Pour used motor oil or chemicals such as paint thinners, degreasers, and automotive (toxic type) antifreeze into the drains or grinder pump unit.
- Ø Push the overload or override switch in the control panel more than once in a 15 minute period if the overload button in the control panel pops off. By doing this it can burn up the pump.

**Grinder pumps are expensive!
It is important to be a conscientious user of your grinder
pump in order to maintain proper function and extend
the useful life expectancy.**