

COVID Re-Open: Solving Malodors from Idle Drains



Got a facility which was closed for more than two weeks? Got drains in that facility?

Malodors from idle drains are typically caused by either bacterial build-up (absence of regular flushing) or from dry drain syndrome where the p-trap has become dry and, without water in the trap, enables sewer gasses to enter through the drain.

Here are some steps to **remedy foul odors from those dormant drains:**

CLEARING BLOCKAGES

When a drain is not used for several weeks, there can be **debris which was not flushed out before inactivity and has dried.**

When the drain is used again, it loosens the dried debris which can result in a clog.

To prevent this, conduct a good flush with **3000 OPEN UP Alkaline Drain Opener** to clear any blockages in the drain line.

Its caustic chemicals convert grease-like material from hard, insoluble material to soapy water-soluble matter.

If you are in an area where facilities are shutting down again, use OPEN UP to clear drains before closing up for a second time.



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DRY DRAINS

To counteract **sewer odors resulting from a drain p-trap which has dried out**, there are three water-soluble products which can be used as space sprays or surface cleaners. They attack the odors and continue to eradicate them until the facility re-opens and regular flushing can resume.

- **3590 CHERRY CONCENTRATE Odor Counteractant** (cherry-fresh fragrance)
- **3620 SPRING MIST CONCENTRATE Odor Counteractant** (minty-floral fragrance)
- **3810 FIESTA MULBERRY SUPER CONCENTRATED Odor Counteractant** (mulberry-fresh fragrance)



Learn more about these water-soluble odor counteractants

BACTERIA BUILD-UP

Facilities which have closed up without proper drain maintenance prior to closing the doors are more apt to have **bacteria in the drains which, without regular use, become fertile ground for bacteria to grow and multiply.**

During the first week or so of re-opening, **treat the drains with these products to provide a fresh, residual fragrance.** They contain waste-digesting bacteria which produce enzymes to break-down organic waste, grease and food into water-soluble nutrients. These nutrients then feed multiplying bacteria to continue the cycle:

- **2840 EARTH SCENTS SUPERBUGZ CITRUS Enzyme Treatment for Organic Waste.** Also available in Berry, Cherry, or Neutral Scents.
- **2960 DIGEST PLUS Enzyme Producing Non-Pathogenic Aerobic & Anaerobic Bacteria**



Learn more about these enzyme products

ONGOING DRAIN MAINTENANCE

After re-opening, avoid future problems by regularly treating drains with **2900 DRAIN DEMON Thick Organic Build-Up Eliminator.**

It clings to the sides of pipes and drain lines, increasing the contact for more effective treatment. It is non-toxic, non-acidic, non-alkaline, non-pathogenic and non-polluting.



Learn more about DRAIN
DEMON

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