

Grease lice is a soap bacteria that pollutes the washing machine and can cause brown and or gray stains in your clothing. Your laundry also starts smelling and the washing machine can get disrupted.

Modern washing machines use less and less water from an environmental point of view.

Nowadays it is also possible to wash at increasingly lower temperatures. The result of these two things is that grease lice gets a chance to contaminate the washing machine.

Due to the small amount of water and the low washing temperatures the soap has no chance to be properly absorbed by the water. The result is that the soap remains on the bottom of the washing machine and in the tubes. Due to bacteria, a gray sludge will form. This sludge or grease lice will smell very unpleasant soiling laundry. This sludge can also often be seen between the rubber cuff at the door.

Also, excessive foaming can occur causing the washing machine to get disrupted. The result is that the machine no longer spins and rinses.

Grease lice can be prevented by not only washing at 30 and 40 degrees but also atleast once a month to do a wash at 90 degrees for example towels, tea towels or bed linen.

Also, don't use too much soap. One tablespoon (liquid) detergent is more than enough for a full load of laundry. If your laundry stinks adding more soap won't solve the problem, it will only worsen.

Once your washing machine has been affected by grease lice, we recommend turning an empty cooking wax at 90 degrees with, for example, some old rags and a scoop of baking soda or a few dishwasher tablets. In extremely dirty machines it may be necessary to repeat this two or three times. Your machine will be clean and fresh again afterwards.