

Three Tips for Preventing Drain Clogs

Clogged drains can cause major plumbing problems, so preventing them may save you money.

Here are a few tips to help your home run smoothly.



1. Certain items are better left out of the drain

These include coffee grounds, grease, fats, oils, eggshells, produce stickers, and hair. Some say coffee grounds are one of the worst culprits of clogs. They are better for your garden or compost. To dispose of grease, put it into a container for future use or toss out.



2. Clean your drain

A regular good cleaning is a good way to prevent a clog. One recipe, if you have a garbage disposal, uses a combination of water and vinegar. Freeze an ice cube tray with half vinegar and half water. Grind a few of the ice cubes with a little salt.



3. Run hot water routinely

It is best to run cold water through your garbage disposal to keep any grease and oils in a solid state. Afterwards, run hot water through your drain to dislodge any food debris. Do this regularly. It is an easy way to avoid buildup.