

Preventative Maintenance Tips

Tips on Preventing Clogged Drains

Good habits and basic maintenance can help prevent those dreaded clogs. First, don't tempt fate by dumping food in the sink or pouring grease down the drain. Put food and coffee grounds in the yard waste, and let grease cool in a separate container and throw it away. (The City of Seattle offers a Food/Yard waste program. Please check your local garbage/waste collection service to see if food waste can be put into yard waste containers.) Here's a link to see what the City of Seattle considers to be food/yard waste, recycle and garbage:
<http://www.seattle.gov/util/myservices/foodyard/houseresidents/whatsaccepted/index.htm>



Keep sink strainers in place—they are there for a reason—and clean them frequently. If you have a garbage disposal please scrape your food scraps into your yard waste container and rinse only the smaller bits of food into the disposal. Be sure to run cold water while you are using the disposal.

In the bathroom, remove the sink stopper and clean it often. Small screen covers, often available in stores, can help keep hair and other pesky materials out of drains.

Once a week, pour hot water down your drains to help dissolve grease, soap scum and other build up before it clogs the pipes. If you have a home septic system, have it inspected every few years—it may need pumping after several years.

PLEASE NOTE: The above information is especially helpful because if the drain system in your home/apartment is full of hair or other debris, **you will be responsible for the cost to have a plumber clean out the drain.**



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