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THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER PUT DOWN THE KITCHEN DRAIN

Tossing leftovers down the disposal is often easier than throwing them in the trash. However, what you're sending down the drain could be harming your pipes and the environment.



COFFEE GROUNDS

Coffee grounds are a common at-home remedy for smelly sinks, but they can clog and damage your pipes!



NUTS

Grinding peanuts in your disposal mimics the process of making peanut butter, mashing the peanuts to create a sticky, thick paste that can clog your drain.



STARCHY FOODS

Because they continue to absorb liquid even after cooking, pasta, rice and other starchy foods can quickly turn into a sticky mess inside your pipes that's extremely difficult to break down.



PAINT

Latex and oil paints should never enter your drain because they can cling to the sides of your disposal, sit in your pipes and eventually harden, creating an intractable clog.



FIBROUS VEGGIES

Stringy vegetables like pumpkin, celery and rhubarb can form a pulpy clump in your disposal that's nearly impossible to remove.



OIL AND FAT

After cooking, oil and fat will cool and congeal into a thick, solid, white substance, causing issues in your pipes and water treatment plants.



BONES

Thick bones from poultry or larger animals will weaken your disposal's blades and back up your pipes.²



MILK

Refrain from disposing milk by pouring it down your sink. As it spoils, it uses up oxygen, depriving organisms of the air they need to survive.



EGG SHELLS

Despite the tale that egg shells can sharpen your disposal blades, professionals advise against it. An egg shell's thin membrane can get lodged in the pipes or around the impeller.



CLEANING CHEMICALS

Cleaning off your disposal blades with heavy-duty chemicals may seem like a good idea, but in the end, these products can cause excessive wear on your disposal and drain line.



MEDICATION

Although many pills are tiny and seemingly inconsequential, they should not be thrown down your drain as they can pose serious risks to wildlife.



Think before you flush. **DO NOT** flush any of these items:



- Rags and towels
- Clothing labels
- Toys
- Hair
- Syringes
- Underwear
- Cotton swabs
- Cigarette butts
- Rubber items (such as latex gloves)
- Candy and other food wrappers
- Plastic items of any description
- Disposable toilet brushes
- Baby wipes and diapers
- Sanitary napkins
- Cleaning sponges

NO WIPES in the PIPES



No matter what the package says,

DO NOT FLUSH THESE PRODUCTS:

- "Flushable" wipes
- Disinfecting and cleaning wipes
- Sanitary products
- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Cardboard and paper products
- Fabrics