

Cleaning the Floor Drain

Do you have a clogged floor drain or a bad smell in your bathroom? It's probably time to clean out the drain. It's a quick fix, and here's how to do it.

If water isn't draining properly from the shower or bathtub, the problem is likely a **clog in the trap of the floor drain**. Hair and soap residue often collect there, blocking the water flow. The trap is designed to prevent unpleasant smells from coming up from the sewer, but if it's full of debris, it can start to smell bad.

A modern floor drain trap looks like a small bucket. It's easy to pull up or unscrew, and you can clean it thoroughly inside and out.

Make sure the small rubber gasket **seals tightly** when you put the trap back in. In modern, airtight apartments, the trap can sometimes come loose when you close the front door, due to pressure changes.

If you've been away for a while, the water in the trap might have evaporated—especially during warm summer months. In that case, just pour water into the drain to **refill** it.

How to Clean the Floor Drain – Step by Step



1. **Remove the strainer** (the metal cover). Some strainers simply lift off, while others are secured with screws.



2. **Lift out the trap**, which looks like a small bucket. **Clean** off hair and soap residue from both the inside and outside.



3. **When putting the trap back**, make sure the **rubber seal fits tightly** to prevent odors from escaping through the pipes.



4. **Finish by pouring fresh water** into the trap to refill it. Then put the strainer back in place.