

Clogged kitchen sink

Is the water draining slowly from your kitchen sink, or not at all? In most cases, you can solve the problem yourself using a plunger, which you can buy at a well-stocked grocery store or hardware store.

Grease and food scraps can clog the sink's trap and pipes, preventing water from draining properly. In 95% of cases, a standard rubber plunger is all you need. Here's how to use one, in four simple steps:

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Avoid unscrewing pipes and the trap beneath the sink. It can be tricky to reassemble them properly, and if done incorrectly, they may leak..

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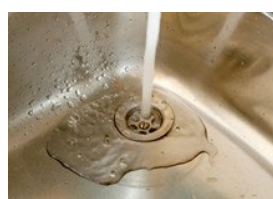
1. Place the plug in one basin and fill it with a little water, if you have a double sink. Cover the overflow hole with tape.



2. Place the plunger in the other basin and fill it with a little water. Again, tape over any overflow hole.



3. Plunge up and down firmly, several times. This creates pressure and suction in the pipes, which usually dislodges the blockage.



4. Finish by flushing with plenty of hot water in both basins.

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