

# Hints and Tips ...for you

**HELPFUL  
TIPS**



## How to save and bring our **Water/Sewer** bill down

- Check for leaks in plumbing (faucets, shower heads and toilets)
- Fix a dripping faucet **Savings: 1/5 gallon per min, or 8,640 gallons per month.**
- Install water-efficient plumbing fixtures.
- Take shorter showers. **Savings: 21 gallons per shower.**
- Don't let the faucet run and run.
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth & shaving. **Savings: 3 gallons per minute.**

## Don't Let It All Go Down the Drain!

### A Comprehensive Guide to Easy Drain Maintenance

The handy kitchen garbage disposal is useful for getting rid of a variety of food scraps and waste that might otherwise create unpleasant smells in the kitchen.

**However, many foods can actually **damage** your disposal and clog up your drains.**



### **Don't put these things down your Garbage/Food Disposal:**

- **Fibrous foods like celery, asparagus, lettuce, corn**
- **Any grease, fats and oils Egg shells**
- **Pasta, rice, potatoes and beans**
- **Non-food items: sponges, rubber bands, fabrics, plastic, cigarettes, paint etc.**



## Maintaining clog free drains is easy ...

Clogged drains are a nightmare. The smell that comes from a backed up system that can potentially be harmful to your family's health. Once a drain is clogged, there is often little choice but to use harmful chemicals or call a Plumber. A homeowner can expect to pay close to \$130 just to have a plumber walk through the front door. Depending on the extent of the clog and the damage that may have occurred from prolonged backup, the cost can skyrocket from there.

The high costs of clogs to us personally and financially, as well as to our community **can be avoided** with proper drain maintenance.

### Once A Week :

Lift up pop-up stoppers in the bathroom sink, remove any debris and put it in the trash, then rinse the stopper off and put it back in the drain.

Remove the drain cover from your shower or bathtub drain and use a bent wire or a **hair-catching brush** to clear out any debris that has accumulated there.



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### Once a Month :

Clean your garbage disposal with a sturdy **disposer brush** or grind up a few cups of ice and some table salt. This helps to cut the grease and slime off the sides of the disposer. Then flush it out with cold water followed by half of a lemon or lime to deodorize.

If you have a bathtub, remove the overflow plate and raise the pop-up assembly to reach the spring or rocker arm. Remove any accumulated debris and rinse well before putting it back.

Use a bacteriological drain cleaner to maintain all of the drains in your home. We strongly recommend using a **Bacterial Drain Cleaner** because it is 100% biodegradable, non-corrosive so it won't damage your home's plumbing system, and is much safer for your family than chemical drain cleaners.