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Washing the wrong things down the sink can result in expensive plumbing bills to unblock pipes and clear grease traps, not to mention smelly drains – a definite customer turn-off. It can also lead to problems in other parts of the sewerage network and big costs for the environment.

What are you throwing down the drain?



Food scraps washed down the sink can block grease traps or pipes and add to the load handled by your local sewage treatment plant.

Remember, everything that goes down the sink, toilet or drain ends up at a sewage treatment plant. If too many of the wrong things wind up at the treatment plant, it just can't work properly. This can impact the health of our waterways, the environment and our communities.



No food waste



No coffee grinds



No stickers

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Scrape down plates and put all food scraps in the bin

- ✓ Scrape dishes before washing.
- ✓ Use sink strainers on all sinks.
- ✓ Catch small items before they get washed away.



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Washing fats, oils and food scraps down the sink can result in blocked sewerage pipes and expensive plumbing bills.

An overloaded or poorly maintained grease trap can cause blockages in your kitchen waste pipes that are expensive and disruptive to clear.



If you stop the wrong things from going down the sink you won't need harsh chemicals to keep your drain clear.

Caustic chemicals and cleaners are bad news for sewage treatment plants because they kill the good bacteria needed to break down waste.

Limiting the use of harsh detergents and cleaners helps the sewage treatment plant operate efficiently.



Don't let these things slip down the sink:

- Food scraps
- Fats, oils and grease
- Dairy products
- Coffee grounds
- Fruit stickers
- Plastics, including wrappers
- Harsh chemicals

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Dispose of fats and oils appropriately

- ✓ Use a recycled oil contractor to dispose of waste oil from deep fryers.
- ✓ Make sure all cooking oils go into your waste oil drum. If it's not handy to the kitchen, set up an easy-to-use system for kitchen staff so oils can be collected in another container then emptied into the drum at clean-up time.
- ✓ Any grease or fats not suitable for disposal in the waste oil drum must be scraped, wrapped and placed in the bin.

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Avoid using hazardous chemicals

- ✓ Keep quantities of cleaning chemicals to a minimum.
- ✓ Use environmentally-friendly detergents and cleaning products.



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