# Unclogging Garbage Disposal

This playbook outlines the steps required to unclog a garbage disposal unit. It guides through the process of safely handling the situation and resetting the unit without the need for professional assistance.

#### Step 1: Safety First

Ensure that the garbage disposal and its switch are turned off. Cut power by unplugging it or turning off the circuit breaker.

## **Step 2: Manual Inspection**

Use a flashlight to look inside the disposal for any visible obstructions. Do not place your hands inside the disposal.

#### Step 3: Remove Obstructions

If an obstruction is visible, use pliers or tongs to remove the blockage. Avoid using your hands even if the disposal is turned off.

#### Step 4: Use Allen Wrench

Insert an Allen wrench into the breaker socket on the bottom of the disposal unit. Turn both ways to free up any stuck items.

#### Step 5: **Reset Button**

Locate the red reset button on the bottom of the unit. Press it firmly to reset the disposal. Wait a few minutes to ensure it has reset properly.

#### Step 6: Test Disposal

Restore power to the unit. Run water and turn on the disposal to test whether it is functioning properly. If it's not working, repeat the reset process.

# **General Notes**

#### Still Clogged

If after these steps the disposal is still clogged, consider repeating the steps or consulting with a professional.

#### No Water Usage

Do not run water directly into the disposal while attempting to unclog it, as it may worsen the clog.

### **Regular Maintenance**

To prevent future clogs, avoid disposing of grease, large food particles, or fibrous materials like corn husks, and regularly clean your disposal.

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