

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.