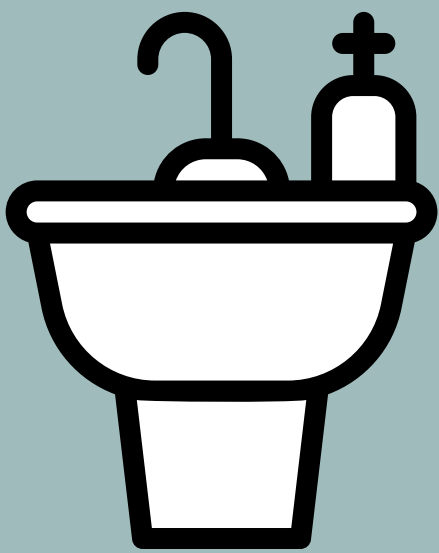


# GARBAGE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

## Troubleshooting Maintenance

To avoid costly repairs, make sure you are using your kitchen garbage disposal correctly. If it's found that a repair has been made due to issues that do not constitute normal wear and tear, the resident may be charged for the repair.

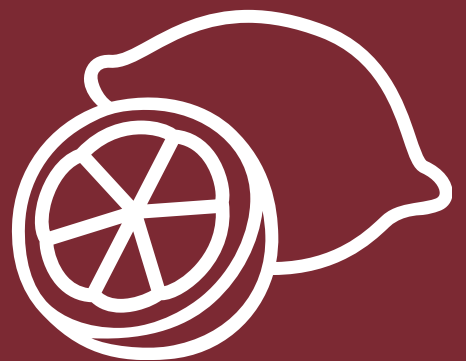


### OPERATING SEQUENCE

Start running cool water, turn on the disposal, gradually put food in (don't shove it in all at once), run the disposal until the food is gone (usually about 30 seconds), turn off the disposal, and let the water run for another 10-15 seconds to flush out the drain.

### CLEANING

Sprinkle a bit of baking soda to freshen and clean. A few tablespoons of lemon or orange juice can be used to eliminate odors. Never use bleach or harsh drain cleaners.



### WATER TEMPERATURE

Cold water is preferred, as it allows any fat or grease to move through the pipes intact. Hot water could melt fat and clog a pipe. If this is the case, repair could be a resident charge.

### NON-FOOD ITEMS

Do not shove items such as matches, cigarettes, rubber bands, twist ties, glass, bottle caps, clam shells, etc. Stick to only food waste. Repair will be a resident charge.



# FOOD ITEMS TO AVOID

Many items should not be put through the kitchen garbage disposal:

- Eggshells
- Coffee grounds
- Bones
- Banana peels
- Pasta
- Fruit pits
- Avocado pits
- Seeds & Nuts
- Sunflower seeds/shells
- Orange peels
- Chewing gum
- And more...



Avoid putting grease and fat down the garbage disposal. Grease and fat can solidify in the pipes like candle wax. Rice and other high starch foods will also clog your disposal.

If repair is needed and it's determined that it is because of resident negligence, the repair cost will be the resident's responsibility.

# WHEN TO CALL FOR SERVICE

Start by turning off the garbage disposal unit. Press the reset button under your disposal (it's usually red). Check your breaker box and make sure the breaker hasn't tripped (turn off the breaker and flip it back on). Make sure there is power going to the disposal.



If this does not solve the problem, log in to your resident portal and complete a maintenance request form. Our team will schedule a repair as soon as possible.

