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IMPORTANT PLUMBING INFORMATION – ITEMS TO NEVER PUT IN THE TOILET, SINKS OR GARBAGE DISPOSAL:

- Never put anything down the toilet other than toilet paper. Plumbers have found complete backups caused from dental floss, paper towels, baby wipes, etc. being found in the pipes. If these items are found to be in your plumbing, you could be held responsible for (Translation: *charged for*) any damages.
- Never put anything but water down the sinks or bathtubs.
- Never use Drano, Liquid Plumber or any similar product in the drains. There is a good reason why these are a plumber's favorite helper! This can damage the plumbing plus it can solidify into a solid "bricklike" substance which can cause a complete back up of the plumbing. This has already happened in the past and can cause some very extensive and expensive damage if the backup isn't caught immediately.

Items to not put in a garbage disposal and why they can't be put in there:

Fibrous foods

The strings of celery, artichokes, asparagus, lettuce, corn husks, carrots, onion skins and potato peels can wrap around the blades, preventing proper operation of the motor. If you feel you must put fibrous foods into your disposal, do so in very small quantities, and run the cold water before, during and after operating the unit.

Grease, fats and oils

Greasy foods will distribute a film over the blades, diminishing their effectiveness. Eventually, the grease will begin to decay, causing an unpleasant odor in the kitchen. Pouring grease into a garbage disposal can result in clogged drains when the grease solidifies.

Egg shells

Some people claim that egg shells sharpen the blades of the unit, but this is not true. The shells' stringy membrane layers can wrap around the shredder ring, and the shell itself will be ground to a sand-like consistency capable of clogging pipes.

Pasta, rice, potatoes and beans

Even small particles of these foods will swell with water to form a paste-like substance, and eventually clog the trap.

Non-food items

Avoid the example of homeowners who have placed rubber bands, twist ties, cigarette butts, pull tabs, fabric, sponges and plant clippings into their disposal units. These items cannot break down enough to wash down the drain.

The garbage disposal is a sturdy kitchen appliance. However, even the best model cannot handle unsuitable items. If you run into any problems with your unit, you should seek the help of a licensed plumber.