

What Goes Down the Drain?

The holiday season can be fun for your family but tough on your garburator, which can easily get clogged with food particles. To avoid the need for a plumber, make sure you're disposing of food properly.

Your garburator works by grinding food into tiny pieces, creating a slurry that can be easily carried through pipes. The key to proper garburator use is to make sure that it's running when you put food into it, and that you run water while disposing of food - about 90 percent water to 10 percent food.



Trash Can Foods

Foods that aren't easily ground down should be thrown into the trashcan, never the garburator. In particular, avoid clogging the garburator with bones, fruit pits, poultry skins, rice, pasta, and starchy fruits and vegetables.



Avoid putting stringy, fibrous, or starchy waste in your garburator. Banana peels, potato peels, celery, and even poultry skins can damage your garburator, and are unlikely to be properly broken down.



Never pour fats or cooking oils down your drain, as they congeal and harden within your pipes..

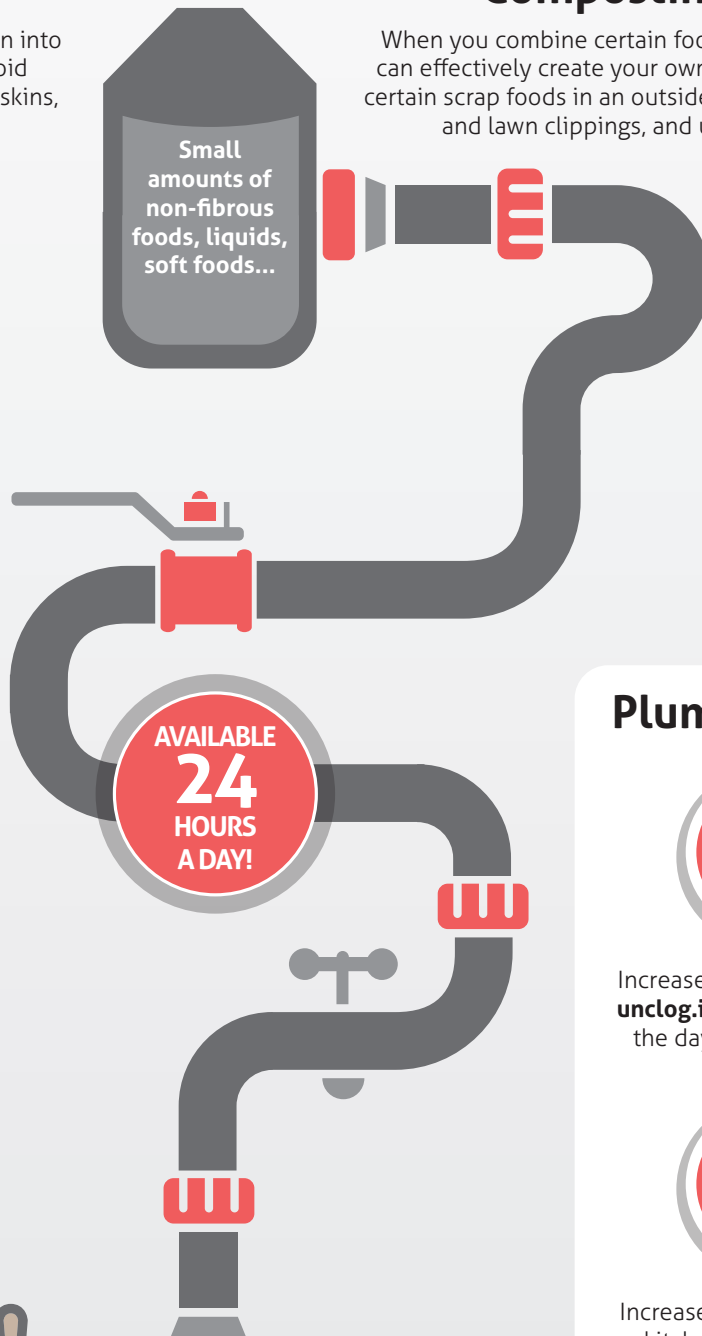


Starchy side dishes like rice and pasta expand when water is present, and they can block proper water flow in your drains.



Composting Foods

When you combine certain foods with wood chips, you can effectively create your own garden fertilizer. Collect certain scrap foods in an outside bin, mix with wood chips and lawn clippings, and use in your garden!



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