

Preventative Plumbing Measures

CLOGGED PIPES AND JAMMED GARBAGE DISPOSALS

Over the next couple of weeks, the Resident Assistance Office and Housing Maintenance staff will be reduced to minimal staff coverage due to COVID-19. To avoid overwhelming resources, we are asking residents to take extra precautions in your apartment to reduce the number of maintenance service calls. Some preventative measures can easily be taken to avoid a jammed garbage disposal and/or clogged plumbing pipes.



RECOMMENDATIONS TO AVOID PLUMBING INCIDENTS

- Please do **NOT** use a garbage disposal to grind or dispose of large amounts of food waste, such as rice, pasta and fibrous vegetables. A garbage disposal purpose is to catch small residual food items after you rinse/wash your kitchenware. Please clear all food from kitchenware before using the sink or dishwasher.
- Please do **NOT** pour or use any drain opener chemicals into any drain, such as “Drano”. These chemicals are dangerous to maintenance staff working on the plumbing lines and will also ruin the garbage disposal and drain opening equipment. The use of a plunger is recommended prior to contacting maintenance.
- Please do **NOT** dispose of personal hygiene products, such as menstrual hygiene products or wipes (personal or baby) of any kind down the toilet. Maintenance has found large amounts of wipes when unclogging plumbing pipes. All wipes should not be flushed down the toilet as this is causing mainline backups. Most apartments have low flow toilets and there is not sufficient water pressure to flush wipes down the plumbing system. Kindly dispose of wipes in trash receptacles and dispose of them with your household trash.



Thank you for your cooperation.

Please contact Maintenance for assistance.
(310) 825-3595

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