

4 COMMON CULPRITS OF SEWER BLOCKAGES



STARCHY FOODS

To avoid solid globs in your pipes, avoid putting starchy items like rice, potatoes, potato peels and pasta down your kitchen disposal. Other foods to avoid include nuts, fruit pits or seeds, banana peels, egg shells, celery and corn husks.



PAPER PRODUCTS

Paper products like tissues and paper towels absorb water, meaning they won't break down when wet and may expand in your pipes. Stick to toilet paper so you're not giving your pipes any heavy-duty materials to latch onto.



HARSH CHEMICALS

Abrasive chemicals are hard on your pipes and can cause pipe interiors to wear down over time. Pouring chemicals down the drain can also add to a sewer blockage and make it worse, potentially escalating to a sewer backup in your home.



OILS OR GREASE

Grease coats pipe walls and forms a thick film over time, limiting pipe flow and making your plumbing less efficient. Instead of washing it down the drain, pour it into a container or use an absorbent paper towel to soak it up before tossing it in the trash.



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