

GARBAGE DISPOSAL GUIDE

My Garbage Disposal is Not Working. What do I do?

Check the Disposal RESET button

- Locate the small black or red button on the bottom of the disposal (the internal circuit breaker).
- Press the button to reset the disposal.

Check your apartment's circuit breaker

- Go to your control panel and look for a tripped breaker.
- A tripped breaker will be in the middle position (between ON and OFF).
- Move the breaker fully to the OFF position, then switch it back ON.

If the disposal hums but does not grind

- Turn off the disposal immediately.
- This usually means there is a mechanical blockage.
- Put in a maintenance request through the [Resident Portal](#)

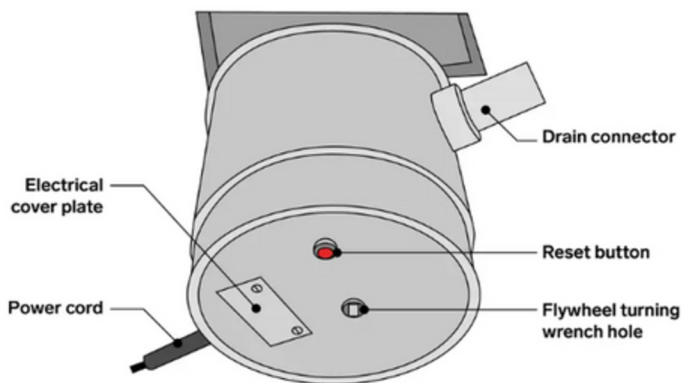
Preventative Measures

- Once a month, rinse your disposal by placing a small amount of dish soap in the disposal. Turn the water on, then turn the disposal on. Run for 20-30 seconds. Occasionally, grind ice to clean the blades and inside the disposal chamber. Repeat this process more often if necessary.
- Scrape your dishes into the garbage can; only use the disposal for small debris that remains on your dishes.
- Run your disposal until all particles have been ground – run cold water longer

Do Nots

- Anything that is not biodegradable food
- Glass, plastic, metal, or paper
- Combustible materials
- Cigarette butts
- Grease, oil, or fat
- Fibrous materials (corn husks, celery stalks, artichokes, etc.)
- Expandable foods (rice, pasta, etc.)
- Large amounts of food at once
- Large bones
- Coffee grounds (in any drain line)
- Turn off the motor before grinding is complete

Garbage disposal exterior



Garbage Disposal

The garbage disposal is designed to pulverize only small bits of food left on dishes after eating. It should not be used for large food items, as doing so can clog drain lines and cause plumbing backups in your apartment and your neighbors' apartments. Repairs to clear a clogged plumbing line can be costly in both time and parts, and will create inconvenience for everyone affected.