

## Troubleshooting a Clogged Drain

Is your sink drain clogged? It may be easier to fix than you think! Before you call a plumber, try these tricks to unclog your drain.

### Clear the Blockage with a Plunger

If the issue is in your kitchen sink, see the article about troubleshooting the garbage disposal. If the problem isn't in the disposal, try plunging the drain. Remember to clamp the drain hose if you have a dishwasher. Fill the sink with 3 to 4 inches of water. Hold a wet rag tightly over the other drain opening in double sinks.

Set the plunger over the other drain. Plunge up and down vigorously for about 20 seconds. Pop the plunger off the mouth of the drain. If the water doesn't swirl straight down the drain, continue plunging for several moments.

Do not plunge a drain if you've poured drain cleaners into the sink! The chemicals can cause serious burns if they splash on your skin.

### Clear the Drain with Chemicals

Try pouring ½ - 1 bottle of Liquid Plumber or Drano down the clogged drain to clear any hair / build up clogs. Let the solution sit for 15-20 minutes. Flush the drain with a large pot of boiling water.

If neither of these methods clear the blockage, submit a maintenance request through the tenant portal online or by calling your property manager at 503-635-4477.