



# How to Unclog a Sink

Learn how to unclog a sink that has any type of debris in it.

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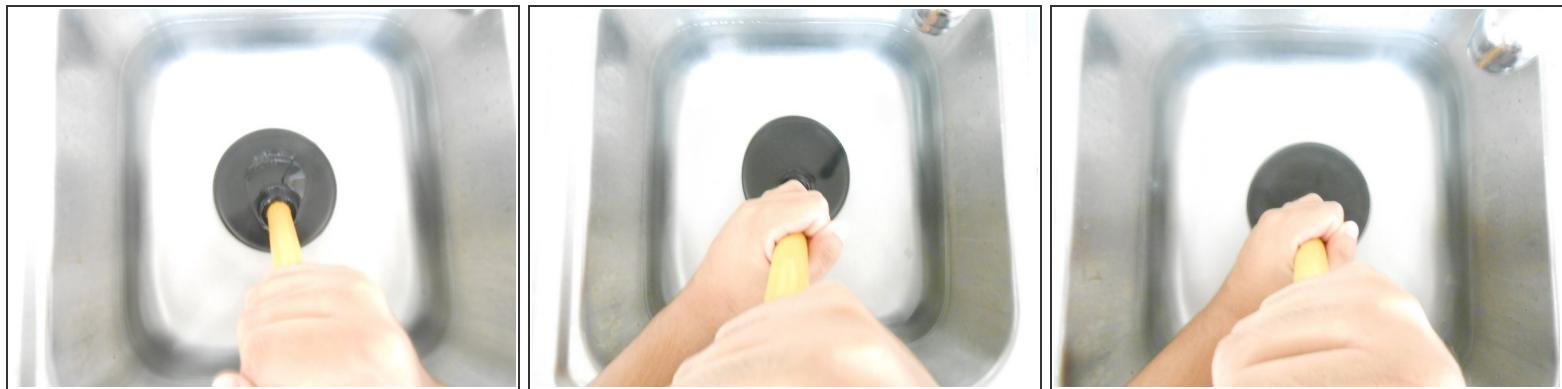
## INTRODUCTION

Do you have a clogged sink? Do you not know what is wrong with it? Use this guide to solve your problem. If your sink becomes unclogged after step 1 or step 6, then you do not need to continue following the guide. But it is highly recommended that you finish the guide completely to ensure your sink is completely unclogged.

### **TOOLS:**

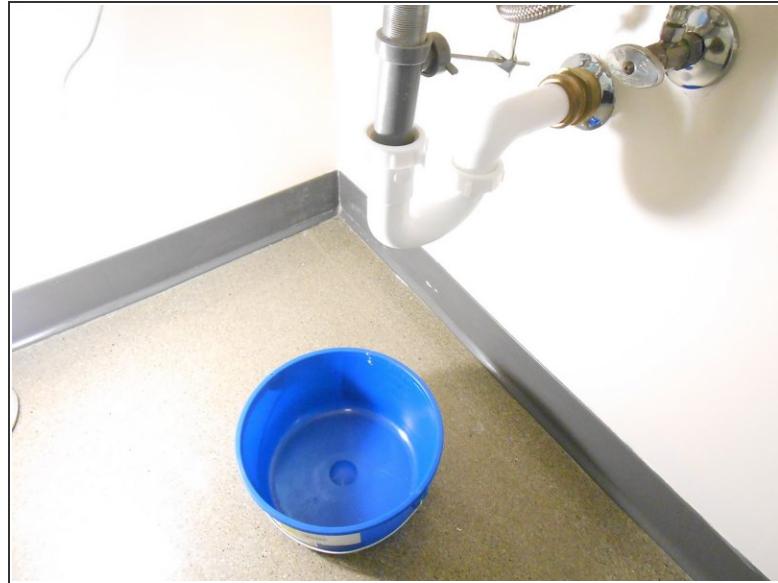
- [Plunger](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — How to Unclog a Sink



- Begin by filling the sink halfway full with water.
- Pump the plunger rapidly for 30 seconds.  
 Do NOT break seal between plunger and drain.
- Repeat this process 4 to 6 times.
-  Wait 20 min before proceeding to the next step. This will allow some debris to flow down the pipes.

## Step 2



- Place a bucket below the P-trap .
  - The curved white pipe is called the P-trap.
- *(i)* These next few steps may get a bit messy. Proceed with caution.

## Step 3



- Carefully untwist slip nuts by hand.
  - *(i)* If you are unable to remove by hand, use a slip joint plier to remove the slip nuts.
  - The nuts at the ends of the P-trap are called slip nuts.

## Step 4



- Use a small wire brush to clean the P-trap.
- *(i)* You may want to clean the connecting pipes with the wire brush as well.

## Step 5



- Carefully rinse the P-trap with hot water.
- **⚠** Do NOT rinse the P-trap in the sink you are working on because there is no connecting pipe to catch the water.

## Step 6



- Reattach the P-trap.

## Step 7



- Pour 1/2 cup of baking soda down the drain.
- Pour 1/2 cup of distilled white vinegar down the drain.
- Quickly cover the drain with a drain stopper.

*(i)* This keeps the reaction in the pipes.

## Step 8



- As soon as the fizzing stops, pour another 1/2 cup of white distilled vinegar down the drain.
- Cover again with a drain stopper.
- Let the sink sit for 20 min.

## Step 9



- Boil 1 gallon of water with a boiler.

 The boiler will get hot. Handle with care.

- Pour the boiling water down the sink to flush out any remaining debris.