



How to Unclog a Sink without Harsh Chemicals

A quick and easy way to unclog a sink using accessible, non-chemical-based ingredients.

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INTRODUCTION

Both kitchen and bathroom drains get used often and clogged fast. But did you know that it's possible to clear a clogged sink without using harsh chemicals? Just a few everyday household items and hot water work just as well as chemicals. Taking precautions to prevent burning hands and arms from boiling water and the stovetop is essential, so use potholders and work slowly and carefully. The prep time to create the mix of baking soda and vinegar is fast and easy to clean up. If vinegar isn't available, lemon juice is a great substitute.

TOOLS:

- [Rubber Spatula](#) (1)
 - [Baking Soda](#) (1)
 - [Distilled White Vinegar](#) (1)
 - [measuring cup](#) (1)
 - [Bowl](#) (1)
 - [Tea Kettle](#) (1)
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Step 1 — How to Unclog a Sink without Harsh Chemicals



- Measure two cups of tap water.
- Pour the tap water into a tea kettle and heat the water until it boils.

⚠ Boiling water may cause burns. Handle with care. Turn stove off after use.

- Slowly pour boiling water down the clogged drain.
- ⓘ This is to avoid splash back and possible injury.

Step 2



- Measure one cup of baking soda.
- Pour baking soda into a large mixing bowl.

Step 3



- Measure one cup of vinegar.
- Pour vinegar into the bowl with the baking soda.
 - ⓘ Alternatively, mix in one cup of lemon juice as a substitution for the vinegar.
- ⚠ **Do not use both vinegar and lemon juice.**
- Use a spatula to mix the contents until they form a paste.

Step 4



- Pour the combination down the drain using a spatula.

Step 5



- Measure two additional cups of tap water.
- Pour the tap water into a tea kettle and heat the water until it boils.
- ⚠ **Boiling water may cause burns. Handle with care. Turn stove off after use.**
- Slowly pour boiling water down the clogged drain.
 - ⓘ This is to avoid splash back and possible injury.
- Allow the water to drain completely.
- Run the tap for approximately 5 - 10 minutes.
- ⓘ It might take more than one attempt to clear the clog. Repeat this procedure as needed.