

FREE GUIDE

The 12-Month Drain Maintenance Calendar

Ten minutes a month to never call about a clog again

- ✓ Month-by-month checklist
- ✓ Seasonal checks
- ✓ What-goes-where kitchen sheet
- ✓ Clog log



Your year of drains

Every month: run hot water through each drain for a minute, and empty hair catchers. Then do that month's extra task.

January



Check exposed pipes for freezing risk; insulate cold spots

February



Clean sink stoppers; empty hair catchers

March



Test every shutoff valve; label the main

April



Check outdoor spigots after winter; look for leaks

May



Hot water + dish soap flush on every drain

June



Refill rarely-used traps (guest bath, floor drains)

July



Check under sinks for drips and stains

August



Clean shower & tub stoppers; replace worn hair catchers

September



Flush the water heater (or schedule it)

October



Disconnect garden hoses; shut off outdoor spigots

November



Kitchen: degrease the drain before holiday cooking

December



Holiday guests: extra hair catchers, trash can in each bathroom

Seasonal checks

Before winter

- ☐ Insulate pipes in garages, crawl spaces and exterior walls
- ☐ Disconnect hoses; close and drain outdoor spigots
- ☐ Know how to shut off the main in a hurry
- ☐ On very cold nights, drip faucets on exterior walls

Spring

- ☐ Check spigots and hoses for freeze cracks
- ☐ Look for new ceiling or cabinet stains
- ☐ Clear floor drains and yard drains of debris

PRO TIP

Very hot tap water is enough for maintenance. Boiling water can crack a toilet and soften PVC joints.

Kitchen: what goes where

Trash / compost	OK down the drain
Grease, oil, fat	Water
Coffee grounds	Dish soap
Eggshells	Small food rinse (with disposal)
Rice, pasta, bread	
Celery, onion skins, potato peels	

Clog log

The same drain clogging twice is a pattern: write it down.

Date	Drain	Cause (if known)	Fixed with



DRAIN GURU TIP

When a clog does happen, clear it the same day. A pressure drain opener takes a minute, before a slow drain becomes a blocked one.

See the Pressure Blaster at drain.guru →

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KEEP ONE UNDER EVERY SINK

Prevention handles 90% of clogs. This handles the rest.

Keep a Pressure Blaster under the sink for the day a clog wins anyway.



- Pump, seal, pull the trigger: one burst of stored air
- Built-in pressure gauge, stainless steel barrel
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