



THE HOMEOWNER'S EDGE

KITCHEN SINK EDITION



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Hello there!

Welcome to the Homeowner's Edge Series, crafted by me - Addie Spahr - real estate expert and organizer. This series empowers homeowners with tools to enhance their spaces. Addie combines her real estate knowledge and organizing skills to offer practical guidance.

Whether buying, selling, or transforming your home, the series provides resources for strategic planning, decluttering, maximizing space, and increasing property value. Join us to turn your house into a home reflecting your lifestyle and aspirations.

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Drain Dos & Don'ts

Keeping your home calm and functional isn't just about appearances—it's also about how your systems work behind the scenes.

One of the simplest ways to avoid costly plumbing issues (and the stress that comes with them) is to know what should and shouldn't go down your drains. Here's your guide to keeping pipes clear, healthy, and hassle-free.



"Your home is your greatest asset; it's not just a place, but a sanctuary where memories are built and dreams take root."

9 Things You Should Never Pour Down Your Drain

1. **Paint** — Contains harsh chemicals that corrode pipes and harm the environment.
2. **Fats, Oils & Grease** — Solidify and create stubborn clogs.
3. **Fibrous Vegetables** (onion skins, celery, corn husks) — Get tangled and jam garbage disposals.
4. **Starchy Foods** (pasta, rice, potatoes) — Expand with water and cling to pipes.
5. **Household Cleaners** — Corrosive and damaging to both pipes and ecosystems.
6. **Coffee Grounds** — Compact and block water flow over time.
7. **Produce Stickers** — Sticky and small, they trap water and snag inside drains.
8. **Kitty Litter** — Even 'flushable' types clump and clog pipes.
9. **Eggshells** — The membrane inside causes disposal blades to jam and pipes to clog.



Tips to Keep Your Drain Happy

- 1 Use a sink strainer or mesh screen to catch food and debris before it goes down the drain.
- 2 Compost food scraps instead of sending them through the garbage disposal.
- 3 Dispose of paint and cleaners at local hazardous waste drop-off sites.
- 4 If you send up with some grease down your drain, pour boiling water and a few drops of dish soap to emulsify the grease.
- 5 Schedule regular home maintenance checks to prevent small issues from becoming big headaches.



Get Personalized Support

I provide tailored guidance for buying, selling, or maintaining your home by understanding your unique needs. When buying, I help identify features that suit your lifestyle and budget, offering insights into neighborhoods and market trends. For selling, I advise on staging and competitive pricing to attract buyers. For home care, I offer maintenance tips specific to your home type and location. My customized advice and real estate knowledge aim to make your home journey smooth and satisfying.

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