

DRAIN CLEANING BY SNAKING

Quick Relief for Clogs | Kitchen, Bathroom, Utility & More

When drains slow to a crawl or stop completely, snaking offers a fast, effective, and affordable solution. At Bayshore Plumbers, we use professional-grade drain snakes to safely clear blockages and restore proper flow — all without damaging your pipes or fixtures.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN OUR TECHNICIAN ARRIVES

When you schedule a snaking service, here's what our technician will do step-by-step:

1. **Assessment & Questions**
 - Ask about symptoms (slow drains, backups, gurgling sounds, odors)
 - Identify the problem area — kitchen sink, bathroom drain, shower, toilet, laundry, or mainline
2. **Visual & Functional Check**
 - Test the drain with running water to evaluate flow
 - Inspect accessible cleanouts or trap assemblies for signs of blockage
3. **Snaking the Drain**
 - Use a professional motorized drain snake (also called a drain auger)
 - Feed the cable through the drain line to break apart, retrieve, or push through the clog
 - Clear buildup-like hair, food debris, soap scum, and small foreign objects
4. **Flush & Verify Flow**
 - Flush the system with clean water
 - Ensure flow has been fully restored and drains are quiet and clean
5. **Next Steps (If Needed)**
 - If snaking reveals deeper issues (e.g., tree roots, collapsed pipe, grease blockages), we may recommend **hydro-jetting** or a **camera inspection**

Time Estimate:

- Single drain snaking: **30–60 minutes**
- Multiple drains or deeper blockages: **60–90 minutes**

WHAT IS THIS SERVICE / FIXTURE FOR? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Drain snaking is a mechanical method used to **clear clogs from pipes** using a flexible metal cable with a cutting or grabbing head. It's typically used for:

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| • Sinks (bathroom, kitchen, utility) | • Laundry lines |
| • Showers & tubs | • Main drain lines (to an extent) |
| • Toilets | |

Why It's Important:

- Prevents **sewage backups, flooding, and health hazards**
- A faster, safer solution than chemical drain cleaners (which can corrode pipes)
- Restores flow without needing to tear open walls or floors

REPAIR OR REPLACE? YOUR OPTIONS

Our technician may offer the following, depending on the situation:

- **Snaking/Repair** – For minor or moderate clogs with no structural pipe damage
- **Spot Repair** – For recurring clogs caused by a known defect (e.g., misaligned fitting)
- **Full Replacement** – If the pipe is collapsed, severely corroded, or offset
- **Upgrade** – Hydro-jetting for deeper cleaning or camera inspection for peace of mind

COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS

Option	Pros	Cons	Budget	When Ideal	Time
Snaking (Repair)	Fast, affordable, non-invasive	May not reach deeper or long-term buildup	\$	Hair clogs, food debris, slow drains, small backups	30–60 min
Spot Repair	Fixes isolated pipe defects	Requires cutting pipe or accessing inside wall	\$–\$\$	Repeat clogs in the same location	1–2 hrs
Full Replacement	Long-term fix for damaged pipes	Higher cost, may require excavation or demo	\$\$\$	Collapsed or corroded pipes, persistent backups	4–8 hrs
Upgrade (Hydro-Jet/Camera)	Thorough pipe cleaning & diagnostics	Higher cost, not needed for minor clogs	\$\$–\$\$\$	Thick grease, sludge, or preventative maintenance	1–2 hrs

HOMEOWNER TIPS & TRICKS

Keep your drains flowing freely between professional cleanings:


- **Use Drain Screens**
Catch hair and debris in bathroom and shower drains
- **Avoid Pouring Grease Down the Sink**
Grease cools and hardens inside pipes, leading to major blockages — use a disposable container instead
- **Flush with Boiling Water Monthly**
For non-PVC drains, pour boiling water to help clear soap and organic buildup
- **Skip Chemical Cleaners**
They may offer temporary relief but can weaken and damage your plumbing over time

- **Schedule Annual Cleanings**

For homes with older plumbing, lots of trees, or large households, yearly maintenance helps prevent emergencies.

Clogged Drain? We'll Get You Flowing Again — Fast.

Snaking is a simple, non-invasive, and cost-effective way to solve common drain problems. Let Bayshore Plumbers clear the way for comfort and peace of mind.

 **Call or book online today** to schedule your drain snaking service in the Mid-Peninsula San Francisco Bay Area.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's):

1. What is drain snaking and how does it work?

Drain snaking uses a flexible metal cable (called a drain auger) to **break up or pull out clogs** inside your pipes. It's great for clearing common issues like hair, soap scum, food debris, and small foreign objects — quickly and without damaging your plumbing.

2. When is snaking better than hydro jetting?

Snaking is ideal for **minor to moderate clogs** like those in kitchen sinks, showers, bathtubs, or toilets. It's faster and more affordable than hydro jetting, especially when there's no grease buildup, heavy root intrusion, or need for deep pipe cleaning.

3. How long does a typical snaking service take?

Most jobs take about **30–60 minutes** for a single drain. If multiple fixtures are affected or the blockage is deeper in the line, it may take up to **90 minutes**. We always test the system afterward to make sure flow is fully restored.

4. Is snaking safe for my pipes?

Yes! When done by a licensed professional, snaking is a **non-invasive and safe method** to clear clogs. It's also a better long-term option than chemical cleaners, which can corrode your plumbing and lead to leaks or pipe failure.

5. What if the clog keeps coming back?

Recurring clogs may be caused by deeper issues like **pipe misalignment, root intrusion, or grease buildup**. If snaking doesn't solve it, we may recommend hydro jetting for a deeper clean or a camera inspection to identify the exact cause.

6. How can I prevent future clogs?

Simple habits go a long way:

- Use **drain screens** in showers and sinks
- **Avoid pouring grease** down the drain
- Flush with boiling water monthly (for non-PVC pipes)
- **Schedule annual cleanings** if your home has older plumbing or large trees nearby