

P-TRAP SERVICES

Inspection | Repair | Replacement | Upgrade

Say goodbye to foul odors, clogs, and hidden leaks. Bayshore Plumbers brings expert care to one of your home's most essential plumbing components — the **P-trap**.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN OUR TECHNICIAN ARRIVES

When you schedule a P-trap service, here's how our technician will take care of your home:

1. **Visual Inspection**
 - Technician checks under sinks, tubs, or floor drains for signs of leaks, corrosion, or improper installation.
2. **Function & Seal Check**
 - We verify if the P-trap is holding water properly — this water barrier is what prevents sewer gases from entering your home.
3. **Clear Diagnosis**
 - We'll identify issues like improper slope, cracks, loose connections, dry traps, or recurring clogs.
 - If buildup or obstruction is found, we may remove the trap for cleaning or camera-scope upstream.
4. **Recommended Action**
 - Based on the condition, we'll recommend **cleaning**, **re-sealing**, or **replacing** the trap.
 - For older or non-code setups, we'll guide you on **upgrading** to modern, compliant materials.
5. **Job Completion & Cleanup**
 - Once repaired or replaced, we'll run water tests to ensure proper seal and drainage flow.
 - We clean up thoroughly and share warranty/maintenance tips before we go!

Time Estimate:

- Standard repair or cleaning: **30–60 minutes**
- Full replacement or rerouting: **1.5–2 hours**

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

A **P-trap** is the U-shaped bend in the drainpipe beneath your sink or fixture. Despite its small size, it plays a **huge role in household safety and plumbing hygiene**.

What It Does:

- **Holds water to block sewer gases** from coming up into your home

- **Traps debris** (hair, food, gunk) to prevent deeper drain clogs
- **Allows access** for cleaning and snaking

Why It's Critical:

- Without a working P-trap, you may smell **rotten egg odors**, experience **slow drains**, or unknowingly allow sewer gas to affect your indoor air quality.
- A dry or cracked P-trap can also lead to **water damage** and **health hazards**.

REPAIR OR REPLACE? YOUR OPTIONS

Depending on the problem, location, and condition of your existing trap, your technician might offer:

- **Repair** – Tighten fittings, replace washers, or re-seal joints
- **Spot Repair** – Clean out clogs or reseal loose slip joints
- **Full Replacement** – Install a new code-compliant PVC, ABS, or brass trap
- **Upgrade** – Reroute or modernize the drain assembly for better performance or accessibility

COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS

Option	Pros	Cons	Budget	When Ideal	Time
Repair	Fast, inexpensive, no major parts needed	Temporary if trap is aged or cracked	\$	Minor leaks or loose connections	30–45 min
Spot Repair	Clears blockage, resets seal	May reoccur if deeper pipe issues exist	\$–\$\$	Gunk clogs, smell from dry trap	30–60 min
Full Replace	Brand-new, durable, leak-free setup	Requires access and part compatibility	\$\$–\$\$\$	Rusted, corroded, outdated or broken traps	1–2 hrs
Upgrade	Improved access, smoother drainage, modern materials	Costlier; may involve structural work	\$\$\$	Remodels, code compliance, accessibility issues	2–3 hrs

HOMEOWNER TIPS & TRICKS


Keep your P-traps in great shape with these homeowner-friendly tips:

- **Run Water Weekly**
For infrequently used fixtures (guest bath, floor drain), run water for 10–15 seconds every week to **keep the trap wet** and maintain the odor seal.

- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals**
Use enzyme-based cleaners to **break down organic buildup** safely without damaging pipe seals.
- **Inspect for Leaks**
Once a month, shine a flashlight under the sink and **check for drips or puddles** — especially after using hot water or garbage disposal.
- **Use a Hair Catcher**
Prevent clogs in bathroom traps by adding a screen or drain hair catcher.
- **Trust Your Nose**
Smell something funky near your sink or tub? That's often a **dry or leaking P-trap** — give us a call before it worsens.

Breathe Easy — We'll Trap the Problem at the Source.

Trust Bayshore Plumbers to handle your P-trap repairs and replacements with precision, care, and cleanliness.

 Contact us today to schedule your drain health check!

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):

1. What does a P-trap do, and why is it important?

A P-trap is the **U-shaped pipe** under sinks and drains that **holds water to block sewer gases** from entering your home. It also catches debris like hair or food, preventing deeper clogs. Without a working P-trap, you might notice foul smells or slow drainage.

2. Why does my sink smell bad even if it's draining?

That "rotten egg" smell often means your P-trap is **dry, leaking, or improperly sealed**, allowing sewer gases to escape. Running water regularly and having the trap inspected or resealed usually fixes the issue.

3. How do I know if my P-trap needs repair or replacement?

Signs include **leaking under the sink**, slow drains, bad odors, or visible corrosion. If tightening connections or resealing doesn't help, a **full replacement with a modern, code-compliant trap** may be necessary.

4. Can you replace an old metal P-trap with a plastic one?

Yes. In many cases, we recommend **upgrading from corroded metal traps to durable PVC or ABS**, which are long-lasting, easier to clean, and meet current code. We'll assess and advise what's best for your setup.

5. How long does it take to service or replace a P-trap?

Most repairs take **30–60 minutes**. Full replacements or rerouting for accessibility may take **1.5 to 2 hours**. We'll always explain the scope and give you a timeline before starting.

6. How can I prevent P-trap problems in the future?

Run water weekly in unused drains, use hair catchers in bathrooms, avoid harsh chemical cleaners, and **check under sinks monthly** for signs of leaks or moisture. Catching small issues early helps avoid bigger repairs.