

# Garbage Disposal Service & Repair

*Clean, Quiet, Efficient — Keep Your Kitchen Flowing Smoothly*

## **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN OUR TECHNICIAN ARRIVES**

When you schedule a garbage disposal service with Bayshore Plumbers, our licensed technician will arrive on time, ready to help. Here's what you can expect:

1. **Initial Inspection & Diagnosis**
  - We'll ask about any unusual noises, jams, odors, or drainage issues.
  - The technician will check for power, clogs, leaks, and signs of motor burnout.
2. **Testing the Disposal Unit**
  - A quick test using safe tools helps identify mechanical vs. electrical issues.
  - We'll inspect the wiring, reset button, and jammed flywheel (if accessible).
3. **Clearing Jams or Minor Repairs (~30–60 minutes)**
  - If the issue is a minor clog or a foreign object (bones, utensils, etc.), we'll clear it on the spot.
  - We'll also check the drain line and dishwasher connection for related issues.
4. **Recommendations if Replacement is Needed**
  - If the motor is burnt out or the unit is cracked/leaking, we'll review replacement options.
  - You'll get a **clear breakdown** of costs, features, and labor time — no pressure.
5. **Clean-Up & Testing**
  - We'll test the unit post-service to ensure it runs quietly and drains properly.
  - All work areas are left clean, safe, and ready for your next kitchen masterpiece.

## **WHAT IS THIS FIXTURE FOR? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

Your garbage disposal is the unsung hero of your kitchen. Installed under the sink, it **grinds up food waste into small particles**, allowing it to safely pass through your drain system.

- It **prevents sink clogs** and reduces food waste in your trash bins (and the landfill).
- It helps keep your **kitchen smelling fresh** and your plumbing flowing smoothly.
- A good unit can handle veggie scraps, soft food waste, and even light leftovers — when used properly.

**⚠ Common issues** include jammed impellers, overheated motors, leaking seals, and worn-out blades.

## **REPAIR OR REPLACE? YOUR OPTIONS**

Depending on the issue and age of your disposal, your technician may offer:

- **Spot Repair** – Jam removal, drain clearing, or wire reset for minor issues.

- **Component Replacement** – Swapping a worn-out flange, splash guard, or seal.
- **Full Unit Replacement** – Needed when motors fail or units are cracked.
- **Upgrade Option** – Quieter, higher-horsepower models with better grinding power and longer warranties.

## COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS

Option	Pros	Cons	Budget	Ideal When...	Time
<b>Spot Repair</b>	Quick fix, low cost, no replacement needed	Temporary; may not solve deeper issues	\$	Simple jam, food stuck, unit still runs	30–60 mins
<b>Component Swap</b>	Fixes minor leaks, keeps existing unit	Depends on availability of parts	\$\$	Flange, gasket, or splash guard worn	1–2 hrs
<b>Full Replacement</b>	New unit, warranty, energy-efficient, quiet	Higher upfront cost	\$\$\$	Unit is over 8–10 yrs, motor burned, cracked	2–3 hrs
<b>Upgrade Model</b>	Higher horsepower, less noise, multi-stage grinding	Slightly more expensive than standard unit	\$\$\$\$+	Frequent use, large households, cooks often	2–3 hrs

## HOMEOWNER TIPS & TRICKS

- **Monthly Deep Clean**  
Grind a mixture of **ice cubes + lemon slices + baking soda** to freshen up the disposal.
- **Never Put These Down the Drain:**
  - Grease, fats, and oils
  - Fibrous items (celery, corn husks)
  - Bones, pits, shells
  - Pasta or rice (they expand)
- **Run It Regularly**  
Turn the disposal on with cold water even if there's no food — this helps keep blades free and drain clear.
- **Listen for Trouble**  
Loud grinding, humming without spinning, or slow draining? Call us before it escalates!

## TRUST BAYSHORE PLUMBERS

As a **local, family-owned, and licensed plumbing company** serving the San Francisco Bay Area since 2007, we pride ourselves on honesty, quality work, and respectful customer service. Whether your garbage disposal needs a quick fix or a full replacement, we're here to help — with no surprises and no mess left behind.



**Schedule your service today** — and get your kitchen running like new.

## **WHY CHOOSE BAYSHORE PLUMBERS?**

As a **licensed, family-owned, disabled veteran-owned business**, Bayshore Plumbers proudly serves the San Francisco Bay Area with unmatched expertise and care.

- ✓ Permit-ready, city-compliant installations
- ✓ Neat, fast, and respectful work
- ✓ Lifetime warranty options
- ✓ Transparent pricing, no surprises
- ✓ Family-safe materials and eco-conscious practices

### **Ready for a plumbing upgrade?**

Call Bayshore Plumbers today for a full-home plumbing evaluation or schedule your re-pipe project with confidence.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's):**

### **1. Why is my garbage disposal humming but not spinning?**

That usually means the **flywheel is jammed** or the motor is stuck. It could be caused by a hard object (like a bone or utensil) blocking the blades. We can safely clear the jam and check for deeper issues like motor failure or wiring faults.

### **2. Should I repair or replace my garbage disposal?**

If your disposal is under 8 years old and the issue is minor (like a clog, jam, or worn gasket), **a repair may be all you need**. But if it's leaking, cracked, or the motor is burned out, **a replacement or upgrade** is often the more reliable, cost-effective option.

### **3. How long does a disposal repair or replacement take?**

Most minor repairs take **30–60 minutes**, and a full unit replacement typically takes **2–3 hours**. We handle everything from diagnosis to cleanup in one visit, so your kitchen is back in working order fast.

### **4. What should I never put down the garbage disposal?**

Avoid putting these items in the disposal:

- Grease, oils, or fats
  - Bones or fruit pits
  - Fibrous foods (like celery or corn husks)
  - Pasta, rice, or starchy items that expand
- These can jam or damage the unit and clog your pipes.

### **5. Is it worth upgrading to a higher-horsepower model?**

Yes — especially if you cook often or have a large household. Upgraded disposals are **quieter, more powerful, and longer lasting**, with better warranties and multi-stage grinding to handle tougher food waste with less noise.

### **6. How do I keep my disposal clean and smelling fresh?**

Once a month, grind **ice cubes, lemon slices, and baking soda** to freshen the unit and remove buildup. Also, run cold water for 10–15 seconds before and after each use to flush the drain line.