

UNCLOG A SINK

I don't know what my sis does in the bathroom, but it seems she is forever clogging up the sink. I know she is a hairy bear, but please! So I feel like I spend half my life unblocking my sink drain. So it got me thinking that a RockHopper should probably be able to do this too.

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Use both methods to practice unblocking a sink. If you don't have a blocked sink, fake it by leaving the plug in for the plunger and practice with the baking soda and vinegar.

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First approach – Use a plunger

1. Fill the sink with water. You should not need the plug because the drain is already blocked.
2. Place the plunger over the plug hole. If you are doing this to a connected sink, like a dual sink in a kitchen, you'll want to plug the other side.
3. Vigorously move the plunger up and down. After about twenty plunges, remove the plunger and see if the water goes down. If not repeat until successful, or go on to another option.

Second approach - Use a solution

For this you can either buy a drain cleaning product from the store or you can make your own. A popular one to use is baking soda and vinegar.

1. Get rid of any standing water in the sink.
2. Sprinkle and push down as much baking soda as you can, hopefully around a cup.
3. Next add around the same amount of vinegar. Then put the stopper in the sink. The compound should be expanding inside the pipe. With nowhere else to go, it should push the clog away. Finish by flushing with boiling water. Repeat if necessary.

