

## Alicante Garbage Disposals Care & Feeding



- High-rise plumbing is not like house plumbing!
- Though the disposal may grind it, Alicante pipes can't handle grease, scraps, cornhusks, egg shells, peels (apples, carrots, etc.), oils/butters, excessive soap, coffee grounds, or rice.
- Avoid disposing these items to preclude sink back-ups!

More info:  $\underline{\text{www.alicantehoa.com}} \rightarrow \text{Owner Services} \rightarrow \text{OMC Bulletins}$ 

<u>www.vivoportal.com</u> → Documents → Association Documents → OMC Bulletins



The plumbing in a high-rise building differs from residential plumbing. For example, Alicante's plumbing is arranged in vertical stacks that feed to horizontal lines in the garage that flow out to the city sewer system. Due to the nature of Alicante's "high-rise" waste plumbing, materials put down your sink can negatively impact your neighbors — causing sink backups in your and their condos. In the worst case, sinks can backup and overflow in multiple condos.

To preclude the chance of kitchen sink backup, scrape your dishes into your garbage-chute trash bag. Recommend only use your sink to rinse! Do not put grease, scraps, cornhusks, eggshells, peels (apples, carrots, etc.), oils/butters, excessive soap, coffee grounds, rice and the like down your disposal. These items create build-up in sink drainpipes. Over time, lightweight items stick to the build-up, causing a clog. Note: Plumbers have even found plastic bags stuck in Alicante garbage disposal drains!

**Remember**: Homeowners' responsibilities related to flood damage are found in the CC&Rs.

High-rise plumbing systems are unique. We recommend using qualified plumbers familiar with the plumbing systems at Alicante. You may want to use one of the following:

- Blue Planet Drains & Plumbing: (619) 863-9593 or plumbersinsandiego.com
- Pro Tec Building Services: (858) 569-1080 or www.goprotec.com