Subject: I am beginning to hate water
Posted by gofar99 on Wed, 15 May 2024 01:33:36 GMT
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My most current rant. I wonder how many of you have been in this pickle.

I am beginning to hate water. Every time I try to fix something that involves water it turns into a major event. You would think that fixing a slow kitchen drain would be a no brainer. Not so. Normally this is just a clogged trap. So, I thought. Pulled the trap. Surprise, it was clean. Both good and bad news there. The problem has to be somewhere else. Pulled the next section of pipe past the drain. Some gook, but mostly OK. So, the next thing was to check the pipe from the garbage disposal to the trap. Yuck. Bad news, chock full of really good stuff. OK, so I removed that section to clean it. Fine. Then figured it was time to go to the store to get gaskets and fittings. Ace had a kit for installing garbage disposals on dual sinks. Bingo, I figured my problems were solved. Not so fast mister diy can do anything. All the big parts fit, but the gasket for the disposal would not. It was too small and not the right thickness. The original was really bunged up so there was no chance it would be useable. Ace said to try a nearby plumbing supply store. Went there and guess what, the part is no longer made and they didn't have any. But they did give me a free one to try (some folks are still nice to deal with). They sent me to another plumbing store. Same story. So, go back to the house and try to make one of the gaskets work. It was about the right size and shape. Well at least sort of close. So, I stuck it in the hole and tightened the flange. The moment of truth. Turn on the water. No surprise it leaked. Take it apart and look at the mating surface. It is missing a chum about the size of a bean. Corrosion strikes again. Obviously, there is no way this will ever work. So, off to the store and get a new disposal. Spend the next hour removing the existing one and installing the new one. Much to my surprise it didn't leak and did run. Good thing too as I was about to find the nearest bridge and jump off. (BTW, there aren't any within about 75 miles worth the effort). I hope your day has gone more smoothly.

Subject: Re: I am beginning to hate water
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 15 May 2024 13:01:00 GMT
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I would laugh if I didn't feel your pain so much, Mr. DIY-can-do-anything. :d

Subject: Re: I am beginning to hate water
Posted by Rusty on Thu, 16 May 2024 15:15:49 GMT
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There was nothing my old man couldn't fix with some wide tape, wire of any gauge or source, and twine. From automobiles to household quick fixes.
Growing up we had a back door from the garage that opened inward with no lock and the inside door knob fell off. Quick to dispatch that problem the old man cut off an end of an old broom

handle and stuffed it into the hole the knob had been. And we used a board to prop against the door and the basement steps railing to "lock" the door.
Fortunately I received slightly better gene's from the genetic pool and have a little more advanced skills than pappy did. My older brothers though carry on the tradition.

Subject: Re: I am beginning to hate water
Posted by smartt on Thu, 16 May 2024 19:17:42 GMT
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I find garbage disposal to be problematic and superfluous. Remove disposal and throw your stuff into the trash bin.

Subject: Re: I am beginning to hate water
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 16 May 2024 22:50:44 GMT
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Yeah, that might work if you live totally alone and never have guests or family with kids. And nobody ever cooks, or at least nothing that causes food waste on dishes or pans. Like nothing but hot dogs and TV dinners.

So basically - I could've done what you're describing when I was single - 'cause I pretty much lived on carry-out and maybe the occasional TV dinner. Almost nothing that couldn't be put on paper plates.

But food on dishes and pans goes in the sink, and ultimately down the drain. Without a food grinder of some sort, the sink gets clogged in a hurry.

In the USA, we usually call those food grinders "garbage disposals" but maybe that's not what they're called in other locations, I don't know. Or maybe some places don't use them and are just really careful to prevent food waste from going down the drain.

But yeah, back to Bruce, that repair sounds like it really sucked. Started off seeming simple enough and then "crumbled in your hands."

Subject: Re: I am beginning to hate water
Posted by gofar99 on Fri, 17 May 2024 02:25:10 GMT
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Hi Unfortunately if I removed the disposal then the I would have to coble up something to make the water go down the drain. More plumbing and more chances to screw it up. I have been considering reviving my back yard watering system. I took it off line when the drought killed most of the "lawn" and shrubs. No sense watering bare ground. But now I am considering fixing the

yard. I did build (assemble) a 10X13 gazebo earlier this month. It really is possible to do it without assistance. It certainly would be faster with help though. The watering system will certainly be a goat rope. The pipes are there, but most of the heads are long gone and I am not even sure where some were. I suppose I could attach the end and turn it one and see where the "fountains" erupt from the ground. It could be neat.

Subject: Re: I am beginning to hate water
Posted by Becky on Sat, 11 Oct 2025 16:45:44 GMT
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Water is not an enemy but one can get tired with water or even hate water if it turns messy especially in the room or kitchen. I don't want stress, that's why if I find any loop caused by water, I will be fast to call a skilled man for the job.
