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Garbage Disposal

These instructions are to be used as a guide to help you maintain your home or office in a safe and efficient manner. They do not replace the requirements of the manufacturer. You should ALWAYS review your owner's manual for additional preventive maintenance requirements.

This inspection is designed to detect potential problems with your garbage disposal.

1. Turn on garbage disposal and listen for unfamiliar noise. If noise exists, turn off disposal and inspect interior of disposal. This inspection is conducted by using a flashlight. Move the rubber guard down so you can see inside the disposal. Check for lodged items and remove them.

Hint:

Some items like chicken bones can get lodged between the blades and the side of the disposal which cause the disposal to stop turning. Try to remove the wedged item.

When the disposal is off, the blades should turn in both directions. If you find that they do not turn, sometimes you can use a broom handle to force the blades to turn. This is done by putting the broom handle into the disposal at an angle resting the end against the side of the disposal. The broom handle will be at a 45 degree from the bottom of the sink, Then hold the handle firmly at the bottom next to the sink and up about 2 feet with the other hand. Try to force the blade to turn one way and then the other by pushing forward with your hand next to the sink and pulling back with your upper hand. Once the blade is free, try to remove the item that stopped it from turning. Failure to remove the item could lead to the blades being locked up again.

Often this will free the blade and allow it to begin turning again. Try to turn the disposal on, if nothing happens, there is a good chance that the disposal kicked itself off on an internal overload. To reset the disposal, there is a reset button on the bottom of the disposal that needs to be pushed. Once the reset is activated, the disposal should start again.

If problems still exist, contact a professional.

Take the time to do a thorough inspection. Ask if you have questions!