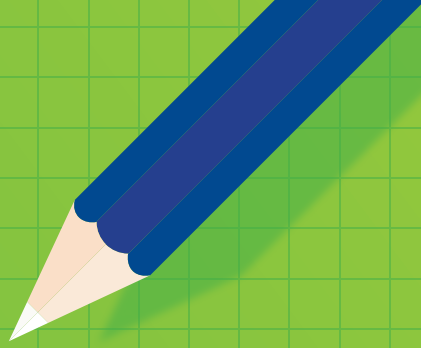
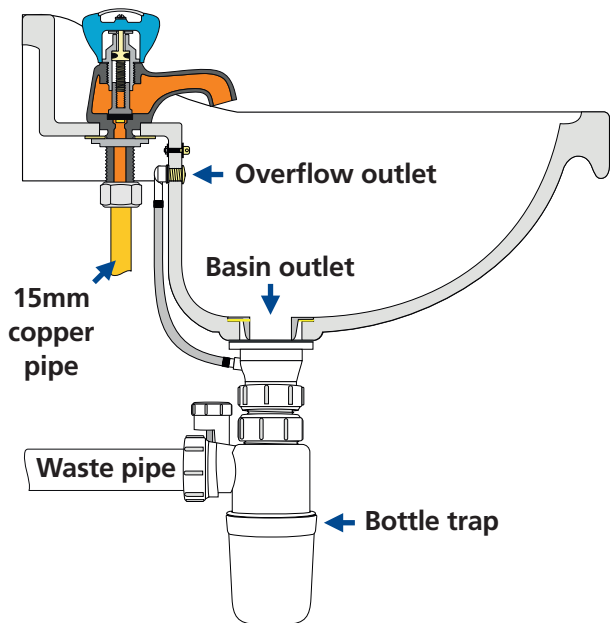


How to...



unblock a basin or bath

Components of the bath and basin



You need to select your tools for unblocking a basin. Plungers come in different shapes and sizes especially for sinks and you can get them from any hardware or DIY store. A toilet plunger works just as well.



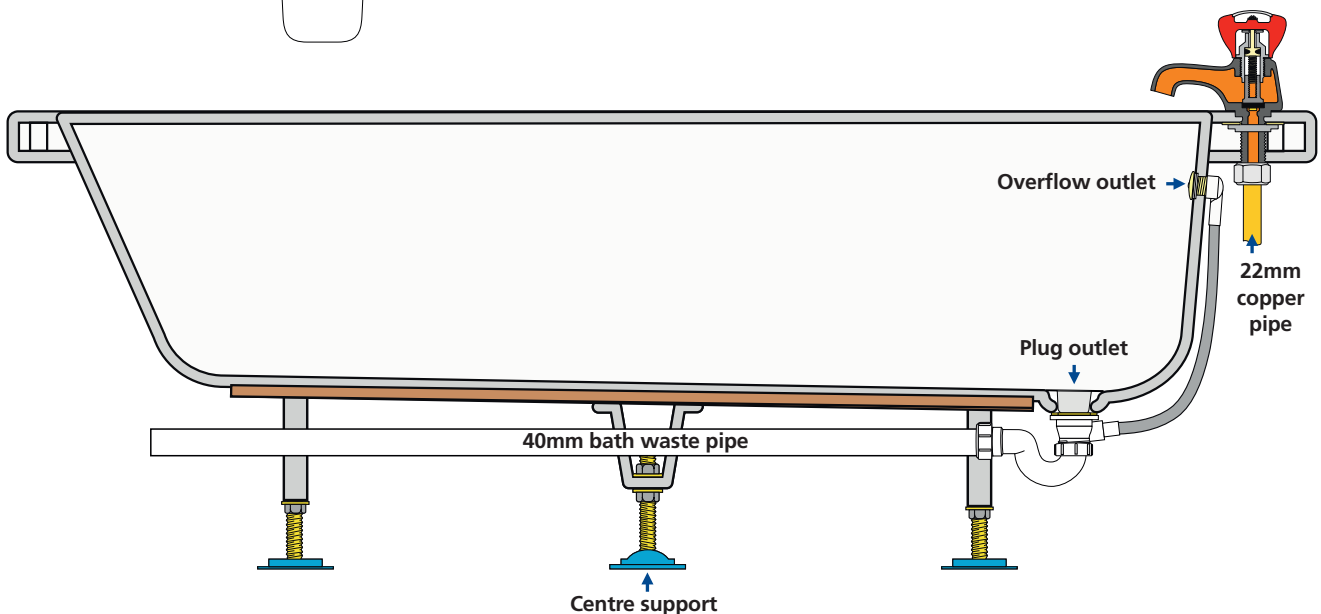
Kitchen gloves



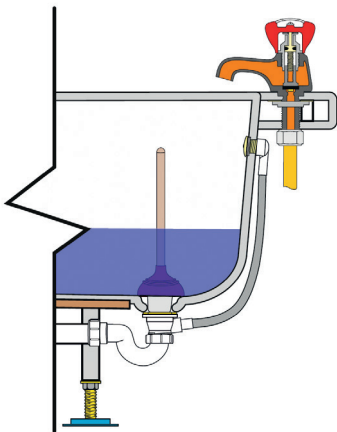
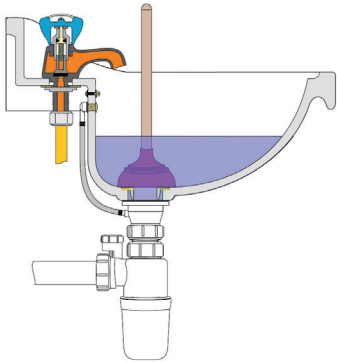
Plunger



Dish cloth

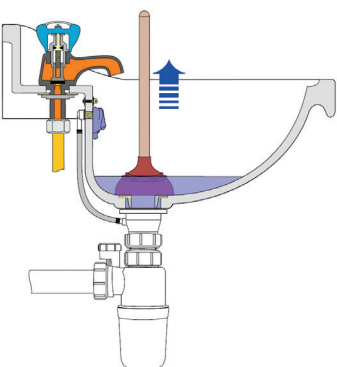
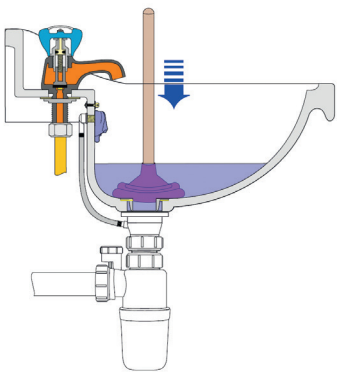


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Step 1:

- Remove the plug from the bath or sink.
- If there is no water inside the basin bowl, you need to get a bucket of water and fill up the basin bowl halfway between the overflow outlet and the basin outlet.
- To unblock a bath, the water level needs to be above the rubber cup on the plunger.
- The plunger forces the water down through the basin or bath outlet into the trap, which will hopefully release a blockage.
- The plunger is placed over the outlet so that no air or water can pass through the rubber cup.



Step 2:

- The overflow outlet needs to be sealed with a dishcloth so that the water or air cannot escape.
- You need to ensure that you start gently, without pushing the plunger further down the trap outlet. Push down, then pull up without releasing the suction around the outlet.
- Once you're happy, increase the force gently until the water starts to recede. You may have to add more water to the bowl and repeat the process until the blockage is clear.
- If you're happy that you've removed the blockage, take out the plunger, then replace the plug into the outlet. Fill up the basin or bath with sufficient water, then pull out the plug to see if it works as it did before the blockage.
- Repeat the exercise a couple of times to ensure it is working correctly.

If you are unsuccessful in removing the blockage, you will need to get professional help.

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Commercial drain cleaners

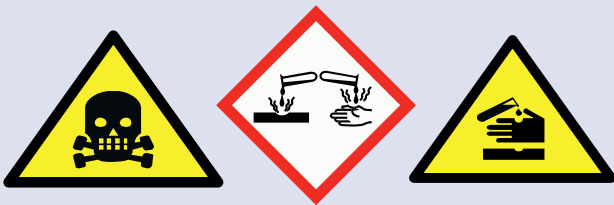
Most commercial drain cleaners are acid-based. They give off toxic gas which will burn the lining of your throat, so the room must be properly ventilated and you must wear a face mask.

If you don't use the product correctly, you can seriously damage your health plus damage the surrounding area.

The use of drain cleaners may permanently damage or discolour your acrylic bath.

With commercial drain cleaners, you must strictly follow the manufacturer's instructions, due to the chemical makeup of the product.

A cheaper solution is to use everyday household items like baking soda and white vinegar.



1. Baking soda and vinegar

- A chemical reaction will start when you mix them. You should promptly pour the mixture down the drain.
- This will remove the hair and grime effectively. Let it sit for about an hour, then flush it out with hot water.



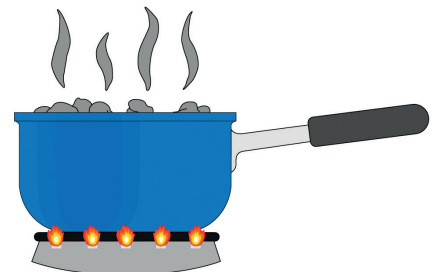
2. Baking soda and salt

Another effective combination is baking soda and salt.



3. Boiling water

- Wait about fifteen minutes and then pour boiling water down the drain as well.
- This works surprisingly well with certain bathroom clogs – especially stoppages due to soap scum.
- Boiling water is most effective when there is a slow drain and not a lot of tepid water already sitting in the sink.
- Fill up a kettle or large pot with water and bring it to the boil.



- Pour the water into the drain in three or four different stages.
- If this method is going to work, the results should be fairly quick.

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