Garbage Disposal Issues

Maintenance Troubleshooting · https://smarteggmgmt.com/faq/garbage-disposal-issues/

If your garbage disposal isn't working properly, here are some troubleshooting steps to help you identify and resolve the issue:

1. **Check the Power Supply**:
   - Ensure the disposal is plugged in. If it’s not working at all, check the circuit breaker or reset button on the disposal.
2. **Listen for Sounds**:
   - If you hear a humming noise but the disposal isn’t grinding, it may be jammed. If there are no sounds, it might be a power issue.
3. **Reset the Disposal**:
   - Locate the reset button (usually on the bottom of the unit) and press it. This can help if the motor has tripped.
4. **Inspect for Jams**:
   - Turn off the disposal and unplug it. Use a flashlight to look inside for any obstructions (e.g., utensils, large food scraps).
5. **Use an Allen Wrench**:
   - Many disposals have a manual crank socket at the bottom. Insert an Allen wrench (often 1/4 inch) into this socket and turn it back and forth to free any jams.
6. **Check the Drain**:
   - Ensure the drain is clear. If the disposal is clogged, it may affect its ability to function properly. You may need to remove and clean the trap.
7. **Examine the P-Trap**:
   - Inspect the P-trap (the curved pipe under the sink) for clogs. Remove it and clean it if necessary.

8. **Look for Leaks**:
    - Check for any leaks around the disposal or the plumbing connections. Tighten any loose fittings.

9. **Inspect the Dishwasher Connection**:
    - If your disposal is connected to a dishwasher, ensure that the dishwasher is not clogged and that the disposal is clear where the dishwasher drains into it.

Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKT2XPIMFKU