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4 Reasons Why NOT to Use Chemical Drain Cleaners.

It may seem that plumbers have an ulterior motive for not wanting you to use chemical drain cleaners. Contrary to popular opinion, plumbers are actually trying to do you a favor by not using or recommending chemical drain cleaners for your household drains. There are four reasons:

Damage

Chemical drain cleaners do more harm than good when it comes to your plumbing. They will



dissolve and erode your pipes, more readily than they dissolve the food that is stuck in them. This can cause holes and breakage in your plumbing, even after just one use. Continued use of chemical drain cleaners causes even greater damage.

Contamination

Pouring chemical drain cleaner down the drain is comparable to pouring paint thinner down the drain. It just doesn't make sound environmental sense. Plumbers don't recommend or use chemical drain cleaners because they're not environmentally friendly. They are also very dangerous to plumbers, who encounter them while cleaning the drains they were ineffective on.

Effectiveness

Chemical drain cleaners are ineffective in most cases. To some extent, chemical drain cleaners do dissolve hair and grease, but their effectiveness is limited when it comes to other clogs (or even pipes heavily clogged with hair or grease). Simply put, professional drain cleaning is more effective than chemical drain cleaner and it won't harm your pipes.

Cost

The cost of cleaning a drain is most often less than \$200. The cost of replacing your drains (due to chemical drain cleaner damage) can be well over \$2000 dollars. Replacing a sewer can cost well over \$7000.

You wouldn't operate on yourself. You would call a doctor. Let a professional plumber clean your drains.