



TRAPS

Traps are the J-shaped devices connected to the bottom of sinks. They retain about a cup of water in order to prevent sewer gas from moving from the drain system into the house via the sink drain. Whether made from plastic or metal, they assemble the same way.

When replacing a trap:

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| <p>DO – check the old trap for weak spots replace it if there is a soft place or corrosion. Always use new washers even if re-using old pipe.</p> <p>– buy a medium-quality-or-better trap to make your job of installing it easier.</p> <p>– install the washers the way described by the manufacturer.</p> | <p>DON'T – tighten with a pipe wrench; hand tighten only. A pipe wrench can distort the fittings so they will never seal correctly.</p> <p>– force pieces together; if they won't fit easily, they will leak, no matter what you do.</p> <p>– glue pieces of plastic trap together to stop a drip. If it drips, it's not assembled properly – start over.</p> |
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