

Don't Mix Chemicals: Keeping Your Home Clean & Safe



I used to work at a grocery store, and one day the manager cleaned the freezer out with bleach and ammonia. This dangerous chemical mixture landed him in the hospital, and sadly, he lost a lung. As we are sheltering-in-place in the midst of the coronavirus, we are cleaning our homes and working our drains and pipes more than ever. Your safety is our biggest concern, and a trip to the ER is the last thing you need. The good news is that this is very easy to avoid as long as you follow these cleaning best practices.

Don't Mix Chemicals

A lot of us have stocked up on cleaning products to ensure that everything that enters our homes and touches surfaces are disinfected. It's easy to be overzealous and mix different chemicals in an effort to keep things as clean as possible. Do NOT do this because it can be treacherous, even lethal. Avoid using any combination of bleach, Lysol, Windex, alcohol or other type of cleaner.

Stick to One Cleaner

That said, you can and should stay vigilant about killing germs by using one and only one of the above cleaners. Less is definitely more, and you'll do a thorough job sanitizing without risking your health.

Be Careful with Vinegar

Vinegar on its own is a fine cleaning agent, but pairing it with others, namely bleach, [creates a health hazard](#). Vinegar is considered a weak acid, and adding it to bleach releases toxins that can give you a chemical burn and target your lungs and eyes.

Use This Combination

You can always stick to the basics by relying on soap. The beauty of dish soap is that you can safely combine it with an all-purpose cleaner to clean your kitchen sinks without harming yourself or your pipes.

Protect Your Drains, Pipes and Your Plumber

Exposure to toxic chemical mixtures have the double whammy impact of making you sick *and* wreaking havoc on your plumbing system. Dumping chemicals down drains could damage pipe gaskets and even the piping itself. This won't clear your pipes, and when you dispatch your plumber to rod them, they'll breathe in that toxic mixture. Also, don't flush anything down your toilet besides toilet paper because it can clog sewers and/or ejector pumps.

Count on Us to Handle Your Drain Maintenance

Life is pretty chaotic right now being stuck at home, especially if you have to manage kids while staying on top of everything else. If your drains are clogged and your pipes are backing up, you can count on us, recognized as [essential workers](#), to safely keep your plumbing working effectively and providing you with peace-of-mind during these uncertain times.

[Contact us](#), and we'll get back to you ASAP!