



# HINTS FOR HOMEMAKERS

## Throw Your Disposer A Bone

(NAPSA)—Food waste disposers are installed in more than half of American homes, and studies show consumers value the convenience and confidence disposers give them in the kitchen. However, according to the world's leading manufacturer of disposers and hot water dispensers, many homeowners have misconceptions that keep them from getting the most from this important appliance.

"Many of our customers don't know, for example, that their disposers can handle hard food waste, like peach pits, chicken bones and even steak bones," says Dave MacNair, In-Sink-Erator vice president, marketing. "In fact, we recommend the hard stuff, not only to eliminate one of the messiest parts of food preparation and cleanup, but because bones are actually good for the disposer. They scour and help clean the inside of the grind chamber."

MacNair encourages consumers to visit the company's Web site for more surprising "Dos and Don'ts" for disposer owners, including:

1. Do use cold water instead of hot when running the disposer. Cold water helps solidify grease particles.
2. Don't use your disposer for corn husks, artichokes and other fibrous foods which do not grind well, and can cause drain blockage.
3. Do grind peelings from lemons and other citrus fruit to freshen drain smells.

MacNair also says most disposer owners don't know they can usually fix basic problems without calling a plumbing contractor or service agency. The Web site includes a Troubleshooting Guide that tells consumers what



**In-Sink-Erator regularly runs steak bones through food waste disposers in their test lab.**

to do first if their disposer jams, drains slowly or doesn't run at all.

Consumers can also use the site's Selection Guide to determine the right disposer for their home, based on factors including family size and dining habits. The site will recommend a specific model, with performance and feature information.

The company manufactures food waste disposers ranging from  $\frac{1}{3}$  HP to 1 HP, covered by *We Come To You* in-home warranties as long as seven years, including the exclusive *Septic Disposer*, designed specifically for septic systems.

Once the disposer selection is made, a newly expanded "Where to Buy" section provides Web shoppers with addresses and phone numbers of their nearest professional plumbing contractors or retail outlets that carry the company's food waste disposers and hot water dispensers.

In-Sink-Erator, a division of Emerson, is based in Racine, Wisconsin. To learn more, visit the Web site at [www.insinkerator.com](http://www.insinkerator.com).