

# Plumbing 101 For Do-It-Yourselfers

(NAPSA)—You're enjoying a hot shower and the next thing you know you're up to your ankles in standing water. Sound familiar? Or you have a house full of guests and the bathroom sink is completely backed up. We've all faced the inconvenience and even embarrassment of a clogged drain at one time or another. In fact, most homeowners experience the problem of a clogged drain once every six months.

According to the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Information Bureau, clogged drains rank number two on the list of the 10 most common household repairs, second only to broken-down water heaters. While a water heater may be a job best tackled by a professional, most plumbing problems can be handled by a do-it-yourselfer armed with the proper tools and knowledge.

If in the past you've battled a clog with a plunger, you already know it's rather messy and usually ineffective against a major blockage. And let's face it: You looked a little out of control doing it. Chemical options are caustic and can damage the very drain-pipes they're meant to clean. Additionally, most drain-cleaning chemicals are hazardous to keep around the house, particularly for those with small children. With the frequency of clogs, a plumber can become a major investment over the years, not to mention the time and effort that goes into coordinating an in-home visit.

Whether you're ankle deep in the shower or elbow deep in the bathroom sink, you need a solution that's clean, safe and fast. One of the best new products today for clearing sink, tub and shower clogs is the Auto-Spin



drain-cleaning machine from Ridge Tool Company, the world's leading manufacturer of professional-quality pipe- and tube-working tools.

"Most people think they don't have the ability to handle common plumbing problems," said Scott Aiello, Director of Marketing, Drain Cleaning and Diagnostic Equipment, Ridge Tool Co. "Auto-Spin will change that thinking. It unclogs drains easily without the mess, harmful chemicals, or fixture damage, and it's fast, clearing clogs in about five to 10 minutes."

The machine features a unique **AUTOFEED**, which allows users to advance and retrieve the drain-cleaning cable with the simple push of a lever. Users never have to touch the cable as the **AUTOFEED** automatically sends it down the line to clear the drain. It also features a unique guide hose that gives the user added reach, contains the rotating cable and eliminates splatter.

Weighing just 10 pounds, the portable machine is easy to tote to any clog in the house, from the bathtub and shower to the sink. Auto-Spin is available at The Home Depot stores and other **RIDGID** distributors nationwide. For more information, call 1-888-4-RIDGID or visit [www.ridgid.com/autospin](http://www.ridgid.com/autospin) to see a free step-by-step demonstrational video.