

Ask The Plumbing "Doctor"

Best Bet: Natural, Preventive Maintenance

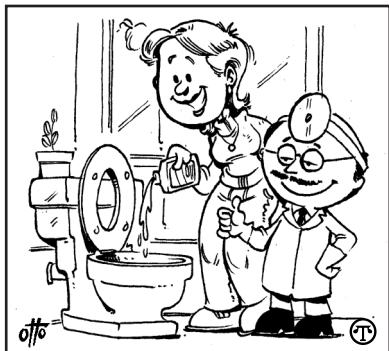
(NAPSA)—**Q. Like most households, we get an occasional clog in drains and traps from food residue, grease, soap and so forth. Typical drain opening products are strong chemicals. They do the job, but I don't like keeping them around the house, especially since we have young children. Are there any gentler alternatives?**

A. When it comes to home drain care, a little natural prevention is smarter and safer than dealing with an emergency clog. There are gentle, bacteria-based drain cleaners available that break down organic residues naturally to keep home drains and traps clear, clean and odor-free. They're designed to be used regularly as preventive maintenance, so clogs don't get a chance to form.

Roebic Laboratories offers a number of strong-yet-safe additives, including:

- **K-67 Granular Bacterial Drain and Trap Cleaner**—A blend of highly active bacterial cultures designed to liquefy and digest proteins, starches, fats, grease and certain cellulose in drains, sinks and grease traps. Simply premix with water and pour down the drain.

- **Liquid Drain & Trap Cleaner**—Contains millions of live bacteria, stabilized enzymes, biodegradable surfactant and a clean fresh scent that will remove layers of buildup that cause slow drains.



Rather than caustic chemicals, natural bacteria is a safer option for keeping drains clear.

- **K-87 Soap Digester**—Contains a select blend of active bacteria to digest soap in drywells, septic systems and cesspools. It attacks and dissolves detergent residue, especially the heavy deposits from dishwasher and washing machine wastewater.

Periodic use of these products, as directed, will prevent clogs from getting started so you can avoid emergencies and emergency-type chemicals. Roebic products can be found at hardware stores and home centers.

To learn more about putting beneficial bacteria to work in your home, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Plumb Smart, c/o Roebic Laboratories, P.O. Box 927, Orange, CT 06477 or you can visit the Web site at www.roebic.com.