

# SMJ Plumbing Highlights Common Causes of Dishwasher Drain Problems

*SMJ Plumbing is highlighting common drainage problems that can affect residential dishwashers and the plumbing systems connected to them.*

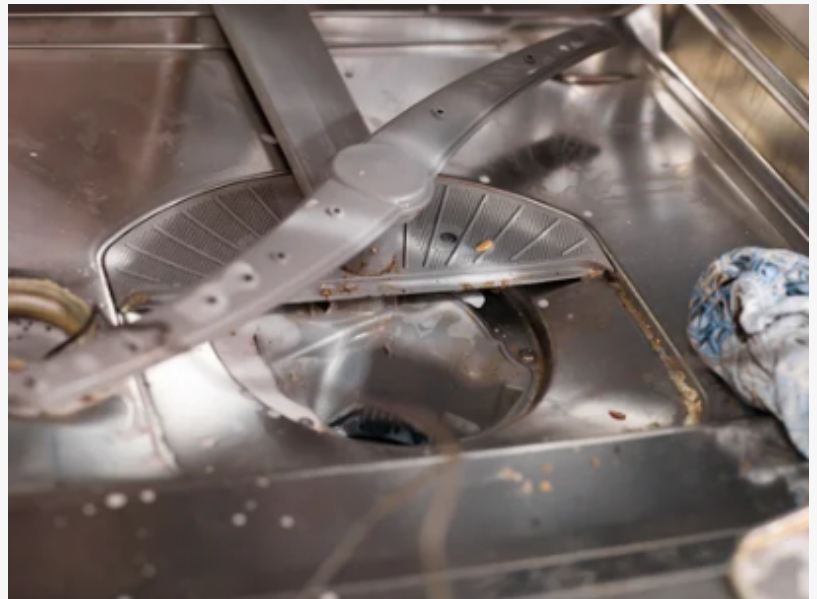
SLIDELL, LA, UNITED STATES, October 5, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A dishwasher depends on a properly functioning drain system to remove wastewater after each cycle. When the drain path becomes restricted, damaged, or improperly connected, water may remain inside the appliance or back up into the kitchen sink.

Food particles and grease are among the common contributors to dishwasher drainage problems. Small amounts of debris can enter the dishwasher drain system during normal use. Over time, accumulated material can restrict water flow and make it more difficult for wastewater to leave the appliance.

A clogged dishwasher filter can also contribute to drainage problems. Many modern dishwashers contain filters designed to catch food particles before they enter the drain system. When a filter becomes heavily coated with debris, water may drain more slowly or remain in the bottom of the dishwasher.

The connection between the dishwasher and the kitchen sink drainage system can also affect performance. A restriction in the drain hose, garbage disposal connection, or shared drain line can interfere with the dishwasher's ability to discharge wastewater.

Dishwasher drain hoses can develop problems as well. A hose that becomes kinked, obstructed, or improperly positioned may restrict water flow. In some installations, the drain hose



A clogged dishwasher



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configuration is also important for preventing wastewater from flowing back toward the dishwasher.

A garbage disposal can be another factor in dishwasher drainage. Dishwasher drain hoses are often connected to the disposal in installations that include both appliances. A blockage within the disposal or an improperly prepared connection can prevent dishwasher wastewater from draining properly.

Kitchen sinks and dishwashers may also provide clues when a larger drainage problem is developing. Water backing up into the sink while the dishwasher is operating, slow kitchen sink drainage, unusual odors, or standing water inside the dishwasher can indicate a restriction within the connected plumbing.

Stephen Jordan, owner of [SMJ Plumbing](#), said dishwasher drainage problems can sometimes provide early indications of a larger kitchen plumbing issue.

“A dishwasher that is not draining properly may have a problem with the appliance, the drain connection, or the plumbing serving the kitchen,” said Jordan. “Looking at the entire drainage system can help determine where the restriction is occurring.”

Standing water inside a dishwasher should not automatically be assumed to be an appliance failure. Some residual water can be normal depending on the dishwasher design, but a noticeable increase in standing water or wastewater that remains after a completed cycle can indicate a drainage concern.

Recurring dishwasher drainage problems can also warrant additional attention. Repeated backups, slow drainage, unpleasant odors, or water appearing in unexpected areas may indicate that the underlying restriction has not been resolved.

Proper disposal of food waste can also help reduce the amount of material entering kitchen drains. Large food particles, grease, cooking oils, and other debris can contribute to restrictions in connected plumbing systems.

Dishwasher drainage problems can range from a restricted filter or hose to a blockage farther along the kitchen drain system. Identifying the source of the problem can help distinguish an appliance-related issue from a plumbing-related issue.

Jordan said unusual changes in drainage should not be overlooked.

“Changes in how a dishwasher drains can provide useful information,” said Jordan. “Slow

drainage, standing water, or repeated backups can indicate that something in the drainage system needs attention.”

Understanding the connection between the dishwasher, kitchen sink, garbage disposal, and household drain system can help property owners recognize potential drainage problems before they become more extensive.

SMJ Plumbing is based in Slidell, Louisiana, and provides [plumbing services](#) for residential and commercial properties in the surrounding area.

### ### About SMJ Plumbing

SMJ Plumbing is a Slidell, Louisiana-based plumbing company founded by Stephen Jordan. The company provides plumbing services involving repairs, maintenance, water heaters, drain systems, piping, leak detection, and new construction.

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