🏡 Tenant Success Tip: Garbage Disposal Care & Troubleshooting

Most garbage disposals stop working because something falls inside that doesn't belong there—such as a spoon, bottle cap, piece of glass, or other hard object. Garbage disposals are designed to grind small food scraps, not large or hard items.

If Your Disposal Stops Working:
✅ Turn the disposal OFF.
✅ Look inside with a flashlight (never use your hand).
✅ Remove visible objects with tongs or pliers.
✅ Press the small **reset button** on the bottom of the disposal.
✅ If the disposal hums but won't spin, it may need to be manually turned using the Allen wrench slot on the bottom.

Watch the how to fix your garbage disposal video on our website:
https://heartlandapartmentsinrexburg.com/tenant-information/

To Keep It Running Smoothly:
• Run cold water before, during, and after use
• Avoid putting grease, oil, bones, coffee grounds, pasta, rice, potato peels, or fibrous foods down the disposal
• Clean regularly

How to Clean:
Clean your garbage disposal weekly by pouring in a mixture of ½ cup baking soda and 1 cup of vinegar, letting it sit for 10 minutes, then flush with hot water. Follow with 2 cups of ice and ¼ cup of salt to help remove buildup and freshen the disposal.

Easy Option: Use **Affresh Garbage Disposal Cleaner** according to the package directions.

Don’t forget the cover! Clean the disposal cover regularly. Grime and food particles can build up underneath it and cause nasty smells.

Why It Matters:
Proper disposal use helps prevent clogs, odors, and costly repairs. Many disposal problems can be avoided with a few simple habits.

🏡 **Future Homeowner Skill:** Learning basic troubleshooting and appliance care can save you money and help you avoid unnecessary repair calls.