

How to Get Rid of a Smelly Bathroom Sink Drain

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Get rid of a smelly sink drain with baking soda.

A smelly bathroom sink drain is a common problem, as odor, residue and bacteria accumulate regularly in the drain. Luckily, keeping the drain clean and odor-free is a fairly easy task, and requires only a couple of inexpensive household ingredients. Avoid expensive and chemically-based drain cleaners sold at supermarkets and home improvement stores; they are often ineffective and use chemicals that you do not want around [your home](#) or family.

Things You'll Need

- Baking soda
- White vinegar
- Boiling water

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Pour ½ cup baking soda into the drain opening.

○ **2**

Pour ½ cup white vinegar into the drain. The vinegar disinfects and foams when mixed with the baking soda to work through the pipes and [clean](#) the walls. Let the foam work for about 30 minutes.

○ **3**

Pour 1 gallon boiling water down the drain to flush out leftover residue.

○ **4**

Repeat every one to two weeks to prevent odor from returning.