

# ASK THE EXPERT:

**\*\*Attention all readers!!!! If you have a plumbing or heating question, please call our office! We may use your question in the paper! \*\***

**Q** Good morning. I live west of the interstate and have a septic system. We are looking at updating some things in the kitchen and I want to add a garbage disposal but my husband said we can't have a garbage disposal because of that. I don't understand why or why not? To avoid another disagreement, can you explain this to me? Thank you.

- From Shannon W.

**A** Interesting question Shannon. My simple answer is YES, IT IS OK to have a garbage disposal even though you are on a septic system. The caveat to that answer, though, is that you definitely need to be sparing or cautious when using it. Small amounts, nothing that generally tends to clog them, run lots of water before and after using it, etc. Having good knowledge about what can or should be put down a garbage disposal will be helpful, as well as taking the time to let it all run through the system every time. In an effort to keep peace with your husband, I hope this answer is a win for both of you. Wishing you Peace, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. (wink)

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