

Fix It Fast Guide

Quick Solutions for a Leaky Pipe Under the Sink

Leaky pipes under the sink are more than just annoying - they can cause long-term water damage and mold. This Fix It Fast guide walks you through a quick and confident DIY repair that can be done in under 30 minutes.

Step-by-Step Fix

1. Clear the area: Remove items from under the sink and place a bucket underneath the pipe.
2. Identify the leak: Is it coming from the pipe joint, the trap, or the hose connection?
3. Tighten connections: Use a wrench to gently tighten any loose slip nuts or joints.
4. Use plumber's tape: If a threaded joint is leaking, wrap it with plumber's tape and retighten.
5. Replace the P-trap: If it's cracked or corroded, replace it with a plastic P-trap kit.
6. Test it: Run water for a minute and check for drips. Dry the pipe and feel for moisture.

Quick Tools You'll Need

- Adjustable wrench
- Plumber's tape (Teflon tape)
- Replacement P-trap (if needed)
- Bucket
- Towel or rag

Prevent Future Leaks

- Avoid over-tightening pipe joints to prevent cracks.
- Check under your sink monthly for signs of moisture.

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- Use non-corrosive pipe materials when replacing old parts.