

How do I get wet xanthan gum out of my sink disposal?

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Xanthan gum is actually very ph stable so flushing with acids or an alkaline solution will not work, especially if it has clumped. - When in a clumped state it is a nearly impenetrable glob. The 2 things that i have found that actually will allow xanthan gum to release its "cling" to whatever it is clinging to is **Alcohol and oil**. While this answer may not help years later, it may help someone else with this problem. **Wd-40** is actually very effective and may disperse better if your clog is actually down into the drain. **If you put some rubbing alcohol in a spray bottle and sprayed down into the disposal that would also work**. I have spent hours doing experiments with xanthan gum if that is any consolation.



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Drain cleaner should work. Or acid (household hydrochloric acid, solution of citric acid or even vinegar). Not at the same time.

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