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## Pumpkin Pulp and Seeds: A Treat for Recipes, Not Plumbing

**WACO, Texas (Oct. 1, 2009)** – Instead of putting pumpkin pulp and seeds down the drain, use them for recipes. The drain and garbage disposal will thank you!

Pumpkin carvers beware. While many foods disappear down the drain, pumpkin guts do not.

“Pumpkin pulp tends to solidify inside the pipes,” said Mary Kennedy Thompson, president of Mr. Rooter Corporation. “Since the orange, sticky substance remains intact, it hardens and sticks to the pipes.”

When this happens, it can clog sinks and damage garbage disposals. Thompson says the trick to keeping drains unclogged is to keep the pumpkin pulp, cut pieces and seeds away from the kitchen sink.

Mr. Rooter® Plumbing recommends carving pumpkins on a newspaper instead. This ensures all pumpkin-related material gets thrown away in the garbage, put in a compost pile or saved for cooking.

For those who like experimenting with new holiday treats, there are numerous recipes. Pulp can be used in pies and muffins, and roasting seeds is a popular Halloween tradition for many.

“We want to educate pumpkin carvers on the impact pumpkin pulp has on their plumbing system,” Thompson said. “The Halloween season is a busy time for *Mr. Rooter* Plumbing, because year in and year out, our service technicians unclog drains and repair garbage disposals damaged by pumpkin pulp.”

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