



# AT-HOME PREVENTATIVE PLUMBING TIPS

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROFESSIONAL PLUMBER TO KNOW HOW TO KEEP YOUR PLUMBING PROPERLY MAINTAINED.

There are a few simple things you can do around the home to prevent damage and prolong the life of your plumbing system.

## WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

If you live in a place where the temperatures drop below freezing during winter, it's important to do a little seasonal maintenance on your home plumbing as the cold season begins to set in.



Add insulation around pipes to prevent freezing over and make hot water run faster.



If you have a yard, remember to disconnect hoses and turn off outdoor irrigation valves for the season.

## FLUSH YOUR DRAINS

Regular drain cleanup prevents clogging, plus it keeps drains smelling fresh. Baking soda flushes are safer than using store-bought drain cleaners regularly because the chemicals in them can actually corrode and damage your pipes if used too often.



### MIX

baking soda and vinegar together



### POUR

mixture down your drain



### REPEAT

once a month to every drain in your house

## CHECK WASHING MACHINE WATER INTAKE PIPES

Your washing machine's water intake pipes are probably not something you look at too often, but it is important to check on them habitually in order to prevent damage to your home. Regularly check pipes for rust and damage. Replace them before the damage gets too bad. Leaky or rusty intake pipes can cause a lot of water damage easily becomes a costly headache.

## FIND YOUR WATER SHUT-OFF



Make sure that you know where your home's main water shut-off valve is and how to use it.

If you have a plumbing emergency, being able to quickly access and shut off the water can save you a lot of costly damages.



## BE MINDFUL OF WHAT YOU PUT DOWN THE DRAIN

It can be tempting to just send whatever you want down the drain for convenience's sake, but in order to keep your plumbing humming, it is important to be careful what you allow to go into your pipes.

- 1 Any oils, grease, or fat will congeal as they cool and cause blockages and unwanted smells.
- 2 Don't flush sanitary products, condoms, cotton balls, dental floss, makeup or flushable wipes.
- 3 Use a basket strainer in shower drains to catch hair and soap bits to prevent a clog.

## REGULAR SEPTIC INSPECTIONS

For homes with septic tanks, regular inspections are important.

Hire a professional to check out your septic system every three years or so to ensure it stays in tip-top shape.



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