



What Property Owners Should Know About Plumbing Maintenance

What people should know about plumbing?

Plumbing ensures safe drinking water for houses and commercial places. It brings comfort to our everyday living as we use it in functional areas such as the kitchen, and bathroom. An effective plumbing design will save you a lot of work, time, and money during its repair in the future. Knowing the basics of your plumbing system as a homeowner gives you an understanding of the status of your house. Simple repairs and knowing how to identify serious problems as soon as possible will save you money in the long-run.

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What are the top plumbing maintenance tips?

Here are the things that you should consider to determine if your plumbing system just needs simple repairs and if a [professional plumber](#) is needed to fix complicated problems.

- Identify the source of your water. Generally, water comes from either two sources: a well from a residential area or a private pump or city mainline. Rural residents that have water wells can utilize water via a pump and do not receive any water bill. On the other hand, people living in urban places get their supply of water through a city mainline and since water supply comes from the city, residents usually receive a monthly or quarterly water bill.
- How's the quality of water? For rural residents who use water wells, it is advised to have their water tested at least once per year because changes in supply and water treatment may happen. Additionally, the presence of soil shifts and agricultural processes near the well water supply may affect its quality. However, people who are supplied by water in the city may or may not test their water quality.
- Know where your water mainline. It usually resembles a wheel or a bar type lever. If it's a wheel, turn it slowly until it stops, if it is a lever, push right or down until it stops. Knowing the location of the main water will not make you panic if ever a crisis occurs like water

spewing everywhere in the house. To know that water is turned off, you can test by trying to run water in the sink. If water doesn't run, then you'll know you're successful.

- Find individual cut-off valves. Make sure to check the supply of your appliances that consume water: washing machines, dishwashers, toilets, and sinks. There's a small handle on each appliance where the water supply goes. These individual valves will let you isolate a water supply if in case maintenance is needed while not shutting of the water supply of the entire house.
- Check your water meter and bill regularly. This is especially true for residents supplied by the city mainline. Ask your water company to help you locate your water meter and how the water is metered. Regularly check the water bill each month, because sudden surges of water bill may probably be due to a water leak.
- Test water pressure. You can ask the water company to test it for you or you can test it for yourself. You can buy water pressure tester in hardware or home improvement stores.
- Check for hidden leaks. You can test water leaks by checking your water meter. Make sure when you test it, all indoor and outdoor spigots are turned off tightly. If there are spikes in your water meter, then suspect that there are leaks somewhere.
- Know your water heater. Try to find the valves for water and for electric or gas supply for water heater. Water heaters typically last about 10-12 years and it wears off over time by the presence of leaks
- Locate sewer lines and septic system. It's important to know where your utility lines run and what type of septic system you have.
- Familiarize yourself with breaker panels. If you are going to fix it on your own, make sure to cut all power off the area you are about to fix

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