

Tips on Plumbing

It is important that the pipes in our house are running smoothly. They run through our kitchens and bathrooms to the outside. Some things we can do ourselves but some jobs require a plumber. No one needs a backed up sink on Thanksgiving or a busted septic tank in the backyard. It's important to take care of problems as soon as possible. Delaying repairs can often be costly. Here are a few tips on plumbing.

Tip 1

Replacing your older shower head can help you conserve more water.

Tip 2

Pouring chemicals down your kitchen sink can corrode the pipes. Instead, try using a mix of salt and baking soda with hot vinegar. This can both clean and unclog your sink.

Tip 3

If you have a clogged drain there is something you can try yourself before calling a plumber. If you don't have a commercial product handy, you can try using household ingredients: baking soda and vinegar. Pour half a box of baking soda down the drain followed by half a cup of vinegar. Let it sit up to 45 minutes before following it up with boiling water. This should help but if you find it doesn't work, try a commercial product. If that doesn't work, call a plumber: it may be more serious.

Tip 4

Behind each toilet, you will find a little valve. If your toilet is overflowing without stopping, turn that little valve. It will cause the water will stop flowing to the toilet.

Tip 5

Make sure you are using the right kind of plunger for your sink and your toilet. If a clog occurs, you can't use the same type for both.

There are many more tips to be found. Keep in mind if your plumbing issues get out of hand, call a plumber right away. You should also call if you find you don't know what you're doing. They are trained and certified to help you.