



Spring Plumbing Tips for Homeowners

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1. Inspect for Leaks

- Check under all sinks.
- Check the base and around the tanks of all toilets.
- *Pro tip:* Save time by putting tissue paper or toilet paper where you think a slow leak may be. It will show signs of very slow water drips.

2. Test Faucets and Showers

- Turn on all faucets and showers to check for consistent water pressure.
- Check all faucets for hot water.
- *Pro tip:* If it takes too long to heat up, consider installing a recirculating line to save water and time. Reach out for more information.

3. Examine the Water Heater

- Inspect tank for leaks, rust, or corrosion, especially around the base and valves.
- Flush out the hot water tank.
- *Pro tip:* Set the temperature to around 120°F for safety. Scalding occurs in just one second at 140°F, whereas it takes four minutes at 120°F.

4. Check Drains and Gutters

- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Run water down drains in sinks, tubs, and showers to ensure they are flowing freely.
- Flush Out Rarely Used Drains by pouring a gallon of water down these drains.

5. Examine Outdoor Plumbing

- Inspect outdoor faucets and hoses for leaks or damage.
- Inspect irrigation system for leaks and/or blockages.
- Test and inspect your sump pump. Also be sure to verify the discharge pipe extends away from your home's foundation

6. Inspect Pipes for Freezing Damage

- Check indoor, exposed pipes located in your basement or crawl space for cracks or leaks caused by winter freezing.
- *Pro tip:* Open crawl space vents for better air circulation during the warmer months.

7. Test the Main Shut-Off Valve

- Locate and test your home's main water shut-off valve to ensure it works properly in case of an emergency.

8. Look for Signs of Mold and Mildew

- Check areas such as bathrooms, basements, and under sinks prone to moisture for signs of mold or mildew.