

A1 Email Newsletter: Winter



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Seasonal Tips for Winter

The holidays are coming, bringing together family, friends and a few plumbing emergencies. Thanksgiving and Christmas bring extra guests and this can put a serious strain on a home's plumbing system, which results in more emergency calls to a plumber.

Big holiday meals require a busy kitchen. Too much grease and food finds its way into the kitchen drain or disposer. Holiday guests also equate to extra showers, bath and lots of extra toilet flushes. It all adds up to potential plumbing disasters.

In the Kitchen

Avoid pouring fats or cooking oils down the drain because liquid fats solidify in the pipes and create clogs. Wipe congealed grease from pots.

Never put hard-to-grind, stringy, fibrous waste into the garbage disposer (poultry skins, carrots, celery, pumpkin pulp or banana peels). The disposer can't sufficiently grind these items and they will clog your sink drain.

In the Bathroom

Plan ahead, spread out showers throughout the day; wait 10 minutes between showers rather than taking one right after another.

Turn up the water heater slightly to retain hot water. To avoid scalding, do not exceed 125°F.

Bathroom Tips

Use these helpful hints to keep the plumbing in your bathroom running efficiently.

- Once a week run hot water down the drain to help keep it free-flowing.
- Repair leaky faucets to avoid further damage to the fixtures and faucets.
- Tubs and showers should be fitted with strainers that catch hair and soap chips. Clean the strainers regularly.
- To remove unsightly mineral deposits on your shower head, put one cup of vinegar in a plastic bag and place it over the shower head. Hold it in place with a twist tie and let stand overnight. In the morning, remove the bag and wipe off the mineral deposits with a damp cloth.
- Do not use your toilet as a wastebasket. Do not flush facial tissue, sanitary products or diapers as they do not dissolve and can clog the lines. Keep a trash container in each bathroom.

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