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— IT'S ABOUT TIME! —

## My Word

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Hello Friends,

It's nice to have

this chance to stay in touch and to remind you that we're here to help whenever you need us.

We're fortunate in that the work we do around here involves one of the essentials of life. Our bodies, in fact, are made up of about 66% water, and none of us would last very long without this basic and vital element.

It's pretty important for our households too, and maintaining a steady supply is especially necessary for daily life.

Just think about it...

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# How Your Plumbing Gets the Job Done

It's an amazing thing that happens every day. Turn on the faucet; you get water. Soap and rinse your hands; they're clean. Watch the water wind down the pipes; it's gone. Why, it's almost as if a helpful genie entered your house, anticipated every place you would want water — and when and how you

would want it to leave.

(Or, if not a genie, a

well-trained plumber.)

Within this picture of your plumbing system, you'll find "supply" and "drainage." These are the two dryly named subsystems for managing your water flow, and they keep their jobs separate. That's because one is for freshwater; the other is for wastewater, and you don't have

to know much about plumbing to

know which one you want to drink.

The subsystems meet where there's a "bridge," which is known by the rest of us as a "fixture." At these fixtures – sink, toilet, washing machine, shower, etc. – you'll see that freshwater is coming in (supply), wastewater is going out (drainage), and these waters neither mix nor mingle.



Also of note, your plumbing has a vent system, which includes venting pipes, vent stack and S-shaped traps connected to drain pipes. Their job is to prevent sewage gases from

building up in your home.

Considering that pipes are often out of sight, beneath walls or under floors, you won't see all the parts of your plumbing system. But you'll sure notice when something goes wrong. There's no such thing as a convenient leak! When you have a plumbing problem, let us know, and we'll send help right away.



— HOT NEWS NOW —

# Why Filter Your Water?

It seems a lot of people in this country like clean-tasting, contaminant-free drinking water. One sign of the liquid's popularity is that bottled water, a strong competitor for soft drinks, stands to overtake the fizzy stuff any day now as a preferred beverage.

There are other signs as well.
According to the Water Quality
Association, four out of ten
American households use some
type of water filtration for their
drinking water. The reasons for
doing so are fairly simple.

For one, homeowners want to improve the taste of their water. Water is nature's elixir. We need it to live, and nothing quenches our thirst better – unless something doesn't quite taste right.

Or if you have family members who have health issues or weakened immune systems, you may be filtering your water to prevent exposure to contaminants. Even when adhering to EPA standards, your drinking water is likely to contain at least a small number of contaminants.

Faucet-mounted or countertop filtration models are among the wide range of solutions for the home. As an alternative,

under-sink filtration models free up counter space. Reverse osmosis units are another option. These units use pressure to force water through a semi-permeable membrane, leaving contaminants behind. They're very effective, but they do use a lot of water – creating three gallons of waste water for every one gallon filtered.

If you'd like to discuss water filtration for your home, let us know and we'll be happy to help.

# Is your bathwater clear as mud?

If your water isn't properly filtered, you may have a mud bath in your very own home. Or at least, plenty of sediment in your water.

The buildup in your water can affect taste and cleaning power. So call **H & S Plumbing, Inc.** at **937-836-8725** for a water inspection and filtration options.

# **Enjoy Autumn Accents This Season**

Fall foliage, pinecones, pumpkins, gourds, even twigs and branches, apples or nuts can be just the right touch when you want to bring the look of fall indoors. And their low-cost availability is just the right price for any seasonal decorating budget.



Whether you're incorporating autumn accents across your mantle, within a centerpiece or on a door

— TAKE THAT! (AND THIS TOO!) —

## You vs. the Future Homeowner

When making improvements to your home, should you think solely of the future homeowner, or of your own preferences? If you plan to stay in your home for a while, it's logical to make choices based on the features you and your family most enjoy.

However, if you plan to move in a few short years, it's wise to consider the current value of your home and of those in the neighborhood. Will you be able to recoup your remodeling investment? Be aware before spending big bucks.

— SECRETS —

decoration, why not get creative? Whichever ideas you choose (you'll find hundreds on Pinterest and other online decorating sites), a little bit of preparation will help.

#### Get your tools ready.

Assemble the supplies you'll need, including scissors, wire cutter, floral wire, hot glue gun and tape measure, just for starters. Keep them in a toolbox or other easy-to-use storage container so you know where to find what you're looking for.

#### Select your featured items.

Perhaps visit a farmer's market, take a walk in the woods or just step outside. Nature is all around, and your festive décor is ripe for the picking. Round out your materials with a visit to the crafts store for seasonal ribbons and other items that will add to your arrangements. And pick up pots of mums, zinnias and other fall flowers from the garden shops.

Get creative and have fun adding splashes of seasonal color with some simple decorating projects.

## Get \$25 Off the **Best Service We Can** Offer.

For your next plumbing repair, we'd like to make things easier on your wallet. So just clip this coupon for a \$25 savings on your repair bill. Then call us and we'll give you our best service. Call H & S Plumbing, Inc. at 937-836-8725.

# **Pumpkin Is Not Just for Pie**



When you have the gang over this fall, why not offer an alternative to a seasonal flavor? Pumpkin is not just for dessert; it's also great for dips. Simple ingredients, fast prep time and delicious flavor make pumpkin delights like these go-to treats for fun gatherings.

Pumpkin Dip - Ingredients include: 8 ounces cream cheese (softened), 2 cups confectioners' sugar, 3 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice, 1 teaspoon vanilla

extract and ½ teaspoon ground ginger. Beat together until blended. Then, gradually add 1 can (15-ounce) pumpkin puree. Goes great with apple slices or try it with ginger snaps too.

**Pumpkin Hummus - Combine** 1 small garlic clove (peeled and finely chopped), 15-ounce can chickpeas (drained and rinsed), 15-ounce can pumpkin puree. ½ teaspoon salt, juice from 1 lemon and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Mix together well and serve with your favorite pita chips.

#### — THE GOOD LIFE —



## **Priority Plumbing Protection Program**

Would you like to receive a discount on all plumbing repairs and keep your plumbing system maintained? What will you receive?

- Priority Service: you will get scheduled promptly and put to the head of the line.
- · One year warranty instead of 90
- Exclusive offers and coupons

- Check your water heater
- Check Toilets
- Check Water Pressure
- Safety Check Your Home: your plumbing system will be fully inspected.

You may also choose one of the following to be done at time of your inspection.

- · Flush and drain water heater.
- 50' main drain camera (with accessible clean-out.)
- Check and adjust water closet and dye test.
- Clean burner assembly and/or intake on water heater.
- Clean hair from tub drain.
- Clean hair from lavatory drain.

Call our office to sign up for your "Priority Plumbing Protection Plan." Water flows through your pipes for drinking, cooking, cleaning and flushing. If your plumbing is causing problems in any of these areas, just let us know. We'll work quickly to keep your water running smoothly.

Your plumbing is important to you, and you're important to us. So call whenever we can lend some help. Along with

the informative articles in this newsletter, we've included some coupons that we hope you'll use to save on our services. Or feel free to share them with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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Finding a Stud. The studs in your wall are good spots for securely hanging heavy pictures or other objects. If you don't have a stud finder, try an electric razor (but this has nothing to do with shaving). Run the razor across the wall and listen for a change in tone as it crosses the stud.



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# More Hot Water, More Energy Savings?

Really, there's a way.

It's called the Forever Hot Water system, and it lets you enjoy an endless supply of steaming water whenever you want – and reduces your energy bills to boot!

How? With traditional water heaters, you pay to reheat the same water again and again – even when you're not using it.

With Forever Hot Water, you pay to heat the water when you need it. And it never runs out! So call us today and find out how you can start enjoying endless hot water – and energy savings!

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FAST FIX

### What's on Your Chore Calendar?

To better manage the routine of keeping your house clean, make a list of all the chores you need to do, create a weekly schedule for accomplishing these tasks and complete one big chore each day. With goals set, a chore calendar helps keep you on track.