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*Smart & simple ways to enrich your home living*



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## Shower Upgrades Begin Here

The shower in your master bath is a place of practicality, yet it can also be a spot for relaxation and luxury. Accordingly, when you're planning a shower improvement, you have many possibilities to choose from – ranging from the opulent, the ordinary, and anything else in between.

Whether you're thinking you'd like to invest in a more spa-like retreat for your home or simply want to improve convenience, safety and efficiency, the first step is to get your plan in place. There's never just one answer for how to upgrade your shower, but there are lots of questions to get you started.

How does a shower upgrade need to be integrated into your existing space and design? If possible, you may wish to enlarge your shower to accommodate

new features. Or you may wish for it to coordinate seamlessly with your current bath and home design.

What kind of conveniences do you want to add? You might consider built-in niches for shampoo bottles and other items or shower benches for yourself. Safety features are also a part of adding convenience. To meet that need, grab rails can be attractively interwoven into a fresh modern design.

What luxuries do you have in mind? Dual showerheads, handheld showerheads, body sprays and steam features are among the most popular trends.

What is your budget? If you'd like to improve your home's resale value, make that part of your calculation. We can help – just give us a call to help plan your renovation.

# MY WORD

By Randall Shoup



Hello Friends,

It's great to connect with you, our friends, again.

Spring is a time of renewal – new buds on the trees, flowers in the garden and growth on the lawn. It's natural that in this season where nature starts to come back to life, we often start thinking about how to add new life to our own homes.

Sometimes these changes come in renovations or other upgrades. If you've got some ideas in mind, let us know. We'd be happy to offer guidance on how you can get the most from your changes.

Your plumbing system is important to the flow of your daily life. Whether you're looking for ways to enhance look and function, or simply fix some problems that you have noticed, you can rest assured that we're here to help.

Don't forget to check out the coupons and special offers in this newsletter. We hope you'll find some savings that you can put to use. If not, feel free to share the discounts with a friend.

We appreciate customers like you. Call us when you need us.

Sincerely,



Randall Shoup



## Simple Ways to Save Water

So many daily activities require running water, but taking some easy steps can help you conserve water use. For starters:

- Turn off the tap while washing hands. After you wet your hands with clean running water, turn off the tap and apply soap. Lather by rubbing hands together (20 seconds is recommended). Then turn the tap back on to rinse. Considering that the average American washes their hands nine times a day, saving that 20 seconds of running water adds up.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. This simple act can save four gallons a minute.
- Take a shower instead of a bath – and take a much shorter shower. Spending just five minutes less in the shower can save up to 1,000 gallons per family per month.
- Load the dishwasher. Handwashing dishes can cost \$431 more in energy and water than running a load in an energy-efficient dishwasher. What's more, instead of scrubbing, rinsing and drying each dish, letting your dishwasher do the work saves a ton of your time that you can spend on things you enjoy.
- Use an automatic shutoff nozzle when washing your car. With a standard garden hose, you could use an astonishing 100 gallons of water during a 10-minute car wash. With an automatic shut-off valve, you can save up to about 70 of those otherwise wasted gallons. That's a 70% difference.

Note: Plumbing leaks waste water when you're not looking. Give us a call if you detect a leak.



## 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 as soon as a tech becomes available.
- One year warranty instead of 90 days
- 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."



### *Pretty Up* **YOUR PLUMBING!**

Update your plumbing fixtures and enjoy lots of perks. You can conserve water, improve water pressure and increase home value. Call **H & S Plumbing, Inc.** at **937-836-8725** and let's talk about great-looking options for your home. I also want to pay you \$25 for each fixture, but you must call by **November 30, 2022.**

Check out our website [www.hsplumbing.net](http://www.hsplumbing.net) for monthly savings coupon specials!

# Clutter and Calories

Cluttered homes can lead to overeating, research shows. For a study conducted at Cornell Food and Brand Lab, one set of women were asked to think of a stressful experience, then each waited for 10 minutes in a kitchen that had newspapers, dirty dishes and sounds of a ringing phone, as well as bowls of cookies, crackers, and carrots.

A second set of women were asked to think of a more calming experience, then were left to wait in a tidy, quiet kitchen with the same snack bowls – and they ate 65 fewer calories.

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## Go Bananas at Breakfast

Get a great start on a good morning by adding nutritious, delicious bananas to your breakfast routine. They're naturally fat free, packed with potassium, and vitamin C. Try one of these easy recipes for a change of pace – and taste.

- **Good Morning Wrap** – Mix  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cottage cheese, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, 1 tablespoon honey and 1 tablespoon granola. Spread the mixture on a flour tortilla with a banana sliced vertically. Finally, fold and roll the tortilla. Enjoy.
- **Waffles with Peanut Butter and Bananas** – Heat frozen waffles as directed, spread with peanut butter, top with sliced bananas and drizzle with honey.
- **Bananas Foster Oatmeal** – Melt  $1\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Stir in 1 tablespoon brown sugar. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a sliced medium banana. Cook for a minute, stirring, then remove from heat. Add a few drops of rum extract. Spoon over  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of your classic oatmeal. Sprinkle with cinnamon.



## Do Sales Save You Money?

To spend less money, you can start with some simple steps. For example, pay cash for your purchases instead of using a handy debit card or credit card. When you pay cash, you feel more of the pain of the purchase. Also, be careful about those eye-catching “sales” signs. Looks can be deceiving.

Whether or not you’re really saving money depends partly on if you really need the item in question. It’s easy to be tempted by a great deal, and retailers know that. If it’s on your list and you find it for less, that’s great. Otherwise, it’s more than likely you’re actually overspending on something not in your budget.

So, remember that planning ahead is your best bet for savings; stick to your budget and tell yourself – not all sales help you save.



## Fast Fix

Dryer sheets have many uses beyond the laundry room. A dryer sheet’s coating picks up dust while reducing static cling. The same factor that fights static cling also helps with pet hair removal. Dampened dryer sheets easily remove dust from shelves, televisions, ceiling fan blades, and even indoor plant leaves.

## Could I Borrow Several of Your Friends?

Now what kind of question is that? The truth of the matter is that we enjoy providing superior service and value to our customers (that’s you!). And we’d like to offer the same expertise to your friends and family.

So, pass our name along to the people you care about

– we care about their comfort as much as you do. And to say thanks, we’ll gladly take \$20 off your next service for each referral you send our way. Just call **H & S Plumbing, Inc.** today at **937-836-8725** and let us know you’re sending us another friendly face.

# Get Creative in Kitchen Organization

Large kitchens, small kitchens – whatever the size, almost everyone at some point wants a little more room. Or, if not added roominess, at least a better way to organize what you have. Creative ideas like these could be just the trick to help you free up valuable workspace:

- Crockpots don't have to be just for cooking. They can also hold go-to utensils, such as wooden spoons and spatulas, in a convenient spot on the kitchen counter.
- Rein in the chaos of plastic containers. Store lids in a large plastic bag so you can see what you have at a glance – making it easier to match the lid to the right-size container.
- Use easy-to-grab bins or baskets to hold items in out-of-the-way spots, such as open spaces above cabinets or refrigerators.
- Repurpose desk organizers for your daily work at the kitchen sink. Hang them on a nearby cabinet or wall and use them to hold sponges, scrubbers and dish detergent.
- Similarly, store rolls of aluminum foil and boxes of plastic wrap upright in a magazine file.
- Use a simple canning jar to hold measuring spoons and place it near the stove.
- Get those loose plastic bags out of your valuable cabinet space and push them into empty tissue boxes for quick retrieval without the clutter.



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