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MY WORD

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Hello
friends,

I'm ready
for spring.

How about you? Warmer temperatures and color in the landscape are a nice change, and I definitely welcome the chance to see more daylight and spend more time outdoors.

We've been pretty busy helping customers like you keep their plumbing systems in good working order – and we couldn't be happier about that!

The kind of work we do is not always "pleasant." In fact, plumbing service can get into some of the messiest parts of a house. Still, we love making things work

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— IT'S ABOUT TIME! —

Detect and Fix Plumbing Leaks Early

A dripping faucet and running toilet are easy-to-detect leaks that can waste dozens of gallons of water each week. You can easily see or hear the evidence of these leaks, and you'll want to get them fixed quickly to save money and water. In addition, you'll also be saving yourself from the annoying dripping and running sounds those leaks produce.

Hidden leaks also make an impact on your water bill. However, the greater cost of hidden leaks may be in the damage you see to walls, floors, and furnishings. For example, if pipes behind your walls begin to leak, they'll moisten the drywall – which will eventually need to be replaced.

The build-up of moisture from a leak can result in a breeding ground for mold. Removing the

mold will come with another price tag, often an expensive one.



You can test for leaks with these quick and simple steps from the EPA:

- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If it changes at all, you probably have a leak somewhere.
- Place a drop of food coloring in a toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak.
- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for water on the outside of pipes.

Routine maintenance can detect small leaks before they cause big damage. Call us today to check your plumbing system.



Can Mealtime Make You Sick?

— HOT NEWS NOW —

Start with Small Improvements for Your Bathroom

Household plumbing upgrades run the gamut. There are big changes, like replacing outdated pipes in older homes, creating an in-home spa for your bathroom, or building a kitchen worthy of a master chef. There are also small improvements that you can make to your household plumbing, like updating the standard fixtures in your home such as...

A typical bathroom will offer a single-handle, single-hole faucet in chrome. A faucet upgrade could begin by choosing a more attractive finish, such as stainless steel or oil rubbed bronze. Or you could get more serious about your faucet upgrade and move to widespread, three-hole faucets with separate handles for hot and cold water control.

Another example: the standard toilet is white, less than 17 inches in height, with a round front. Consider upgrading to an elongated toilet, which is extending the front by an inch and a half. Or a comfort height toilet which is a little taller in height. The height of these models can be 17 to 19 inches. Plus, you have a lot more color options with an upgrade than just the standard white.

You can also bring new enjoyment to your bathing rituals with other small improvements. For example, upgrade your shower head to a model that delivers a variety of sprays. Or, add a hand shower attachment that will give you the flexibility to massage aching muscles.

Whether you'd like to make big changes or small improvements in your plumbing fixtures, we can help. Just give us a call.

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 **June 28, 2019**.

It seems that there's always a recall of one food product or another that sends us scurrying to check our cabinets and fridges. Plus, it's estimated that one in six will get food poisoning each year, including from food you prepare at home with or without a recall.

There are four main steps to keeping your food safe:



— TAKE THAT! (AND THIS TOO!) —

Make Your Own Gel Pack

Aches, pains and swelling from springtime injuries often call for "cold treatment." To make your own gel packs, you'll need sealable plastic bags, a freezer, and other common

household items. For example, you can pour dish soap into a sealable plastic bag, double bag, then place in your freezer for a few hours. Or fill the bag with two cups of water and one cup of rubbing alcohol before placing in the freezer. Corn syrup is another option for homemade gel packs.

Spring Strawberry Salad



- **Clean** – Make sure hands, surfaces and utensils are properly cleaned before and after food preparation.
- **Separate** – Don't reuse cutting boards, plates and utensils for different meats, poultry or eggs. If meat juices drip onto other foods, it can cause contamination.
- **Cook** – Don't depend on guesswork or texture. Use a food thermometer to tell you if your meat has been cooked to a safe temperature for eating.
- **Chill** – Refrigerate perishable foods within two hours. Also, thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator rather than on the counter, where germs can spread.

If you do get sick, symptoms may include upset stomach, abdominal cramps, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea, fever and dehydration. Remember, it could take several hours to notice the effects of food poisoning. But be sure to see a doctor if your symptoms are severe. Visit foodsafety.gov for other helpful tips.

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**.

When it's time for a quick, healthy meal on a beautiful spring day, salads are just the trick. Strawberry salad can serve as an entrée when you add chicken, or as a side dish when you want something light.

For the entrée version, start by cutting two boneless, skinless chicken breasts into cubes. Cook in a skillet over medium heat with two tablespoons of olive oil and two tablespoons of balsamic vinaigrette.

Cook about 10 minutes, until chicken is brown. Place chicken in a bowl and let cool.

In a salad bowl, combine a fresh bunch of spinach (rinsed and dried) with a pint of sliced strawberries, four ounces of crumbled goat cheese and a five-ounce package of candied pecans. Drizzle with another two tablespoons of olive oil and two tablespoons of balsamic vinaigrette. Add the chicken. Serve slightly warm or chilled.

— SECRETS —



Priority Plumbing Protection Program

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- 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."



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better and more efficiently for our customers. It falls right in line with this season of spring cleaning and streamlining. It doesn't hurt that it can also help your utility costs! So, let us know if you have any issues with your plumbing systems and let us take care of them.

Please enjoy the articles in this newsletter – and don't forget to look for special discounts we've included. Feel free to share them with your family and friends.

Have a great spring!

Sincerely,

Randall Shoup & Robby Shoup

FAST FIX

Finding new uses for common household items decreases waste. For instance, paper towel tubes can have a second life in “crease prevention” for your pants. Cut the tube lengthwise, place over a hanger and re-tape, then hang pants over the tube. You can also declutter your surplus of empty plastic bags by stuffing them in a tube and pulling them out as needed.

Is Your Water Heater Ready to Throw in the Towel?

If your water heater has served you well for the last 10 to 12 years, it's had a good run. But at that age, it's time to consider a replacement. Don't wait for an emergency. Let us help you make a decision that gives

you the best value. You'll find that's much easier than rushing around after a water heater breakdown or while you're cleaning up damage from a leak. Call **H & S Plumbing, Inc.** today at **937-836-8725**.