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A Little Plumbing Common Sense Goes a Long Way

Household plumbing seems like a big mystery to a lot of folks, and in some ways it is. Homeowners don't typically think about how pipes, pressure and fixtures make the faucets flow, toilets flush, or dishwashers wash. They simply expect everything to happen like they want it to, when they want it to. And if something doesn't work, that's when they call a plumber.

We're totally on board with that last point, and we're happy to help you out – whether it's a sudden plumbing emergency or something you've been meaning to get around to for months. So call us whenever you need us.

In the meantime, a few "common sense" practices can help you avoid a lot of messy plumbing situations.

- Don't flush anything down the toilet except toilet paper. Use a trash container for all the small garbage that accumulates – q-tips, cosmetic sponges, cotton balls,

etc. Also, despite common belief, your bathroom toilet is not the best place for a fish funeral. Do not flush goldfish down the drain.

- When using the garbage disposal, add the garbage a little at a time and avoid potential drain cloggers: corn husks, artichokes, other fibrous foods, uncooked meat fat put into the disposal, or liquid fats poured down the drain. Let the water run for at least 30 seconds after using your disposal.
- Check your washing machine hoses periodically for signs of bulges or leaks. Replace any that are showing signs of wear and tear.

Because elements within any household plumbing system decay over time, your best bet for keeping track of your plumbing's status is with an annual inspection by a trained plumber. Want to learn more? Give us a call.

MY WORD

By Randall Shoup & Robby Shoup



Dear Friends,

Way back in January, when we were making resolutions for 2020, none of us could have predicted the twists and turns this year had in store. There's been social and economic unrest in addition to that other thing...a global pandemic.

It's a lot to digest, and it's meant a lot of hard decisions for everyone. Through it all, we've learned that one of the best things we can do for ourselves, employees, and customers is to look for the good in all things intentionally.

Time at home has meant a chance for many to reconnect with their families in meaningful ways. The hectic, over-scheduled way of life many of us were leading has slowed. What is important has been brought sharply into focus – family, health, resilience...and you.

Thank you for being a valued customer. Thank you for trusting us to help protect your health, home, and family. We look forward to serving you for many more years to come.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter. As always, if there's anything we can do to be of service, just let us know. We're here for you.

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Fall Home Checkup

For most folks, owning a house is just about the biggest investment you'll ever make. Surprisingly, however, many people follow the policy of: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

The worry only starts when something stops working. But that approach is simply a "crisis in waiting." Something *will* go wrong. The only question is when it will go wrong.

Regular home maintenance is your best choice for staying ahead of needed repairs, and the practical aspects of it are undeniable.

Conducting a home checkup every six months can help you detect problems. Inspect your home thoroughly and look for pressing needs. This could include painting walls and doors, cleaning the roof and gutters, checking smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, as well as replacing warped or worn shingles. Watch for these other areas too:

Water heater – Ideally, you'd want to start shopping for a new one when yours is 8 years old. Doing some research before your water heater fails will help you select one that best meets your needs. For example, a new water heater which comes with a thick insulating shell may cost more initially than one without insulation, but the energy savings will continue during the lifetime of the appliance. We can help you make the choice that's best for you and your family. Just give us a call.

Plumbing – Leaks, drainage and insulation are areas of concern for plumbing. Look for leaks at the main water shut-off valve, as well as at sinks, toilets and the washing machine. Is there wood damage? That could be a sign of a leak. Check the drainage in sinks, tubs, and showers. Also, to protect them from freezing, install insulation around outdoor water pipes.



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, 2020**.

Check out our website www.hsplumbing.net for monthly savings coupon specials!

Seasonal Swaps

Making a few swaps to your home décor can transform it into a seasonal oasis. Start by mimicking the richer colors you see outdoors to make the indoors more inviting. The fabrics and textures you use can also accentuate the season – think about heavier fabrics like flannel or wool instead of lighter summer cotton and linen. Plus, you can boost the coziness factor with plush throw pillows. You can also trade flowers for earthier vines, branches, and pinecones or even use fall fruits and gourds of different shapes and sizes to create beautiful autumn centerpieces.

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Cheese It Up This Fall

As temperatures change, one thing comes to mind: comfort food. This baked mac and cheese ticks all the boxes for a warm, homey meal:

- 16 oz macaroni, cooked
- 8 oz mozzarella, divided
- 8 oz sharp cheddar, divided
- 8 oz smoked gouda, grated
- 4 oz parmesan, shredded
- 4 cups whole milk
- 8 tbsp butter, divided
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 egg
- Salt & pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 350°F and lightly grease a deep 9x13 pan. Cook macaroni just shy of al dente. Drain and stir 2 tbsp of butter into the pasta. In a heavy saucepan over medium heat, melt the remaining butter and whisk in the flour. When the mixture is bubbling, slowly add the milk, whisking continually until the mixture begins to bubble and thicken. Add the Dijon mustard, salt, and pepper. Begin adding your cheese, stirring between additions, until the mixture is smooth. Reserve the parmesan and 2 oz each of the mozzarella and sharp cheddar. When all the cheese is melted and the mixture is smooth and thick, stir in the pasta. Pour the pasta mixture into your prepared baking dish and top with the remaining mozzarella, cheddar, and parmesan cheeses. Bake at 350°F until bubbling and golden brown on top.



Fall in Love With the Great Outdoors

With temperatures cooling off, the great outdoors is calling. Fresh air and open spaces are great mood boosters, and there are plenty of options for fall. Need a few fun ideas to try?

- **Try a U-Pick farm.** Spend a day outside, picking your own apples and other fall fruits with the family. It's fun for kids and adults alike and gives you a chance to try out new recipes with your harvest.
- **Find a pumpkin patch.** Pumpkins are the theme of the season, and pumpkin patches are classic Americana. Plus, there are often extra activities for even more fun.
- **Visit a park.** Not your everyday neighborhood park. Think state or national parks that are within driving distance. It's a great way to discover nature or get away at a low price point.



Fast Fix

Quick tip for fall allergies: Nasal irrigation. It sounds unpleasant, but a daily saline sinus rinse clears stopped up sinuses and helps prevent infections. Plus, it helps reduce congestion, improve breathing, and even rinses allergens away. Important note: follow the directions exactly; tap water isn't recommended for nasal irrigation.

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.

Fall Lawn Fix-Ups

The leaves are falling and the air is turning crisp. But that's no excuse to ignore your lawn. Now is the time to get rid of weeds and bugs, nourish the grass for winter, and plan for a beautiful spring.

The best part? It only takes four simple steps to protect the lawn all winter long and create gorgeous, green grass when the weather warms up again:

- **Let the leaves be your guide.** When the leaves start to turn, it's time to fix up the lawn. Don't wait to plan for the lawn's winter care until the first frost hits or the temperature drops below 45 degrees. It will be too late to tackle bugs and weeds, and the problems can literally multiply for the coming spring.
- **Give the lawn a winter coat.** Apply a winterizer, available in almost any local gardening store. Winterizing the yard will strengthen the root system and give the lawn the vital nutrients it needs to rejuvenate from the stress of summer heat and to survive the cold winter months. A fall fertilizer application also ensures your spring lawn will be lush, green, and healthy.
- **Eliminate weeds before winter.** Weeds not only germinate in the fall, but they also can leave behind seeds that will germinate in the spring. Applying a weed control in the fall will kill weeds in the lawn and reduce the number that pop up in the spring.
- **Re-seed for a lush lawn.** The best defense against weeds in your lawn is a healthy turf. Fall is a great time to patch up those bare spots or overseed the lawn.



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