

The Ultimate Plumbers Checklist for All Homeowners

As a homeowner, you may be feeling overwhelmed at the amount of [maintenance and repair work](#) that needs to be carried out on a regular basis, especially where plumbing is concerned. Below is a handy list of plumbing-related items that should be checked and maintained regularly on any home.

Pipes

If any exposed pipes are present on your property, ensure that you inspect often for any signs of damage or leakage. The most common symptom of a leaking pipe is a lawn that is constantly squishy and wet. It is also important to remember pipes that have been concealed in walls, under floors or up in ceilings at this time – if you are seeing any water stains that are coming through ceilings or walls, it can be an indication of a leaking pipe. If there are any green stains on bathtubs, sinks or pipes, this can also indicate that there is a leak close by.

Toilets

Inspect the inside of your toilet tank(s) once a month or so. If any parts look like they are damaged or if there are any signs of rust appearing on them or in the tank itself, it may be time to have some basic maintenance performed. Also be sure to check for water stains on the back of the toilet bowl, as this can indicate that the tank is leaking. Flush each toilet to ensure that they are operating, as they should. If the pressure seems to be lower than normal, it can mean that there is a blockage or a buildup of sediment somewhere.

Overall Drainage

Have your sinks, bathtubs or appliances like washing machines started taking a lot longer to drain than normal? This could mean that drains are clogged with hair or other foreign substances – and this should be addressed as quickly as possible. After all, no one wants to deal with a toilet that decides to overflow!

Faucets

It is imperative that you physically test each faucet in and around your home at least once a month or so. This will enable you to see if any of them are leaking after they have been turned off or have become difficult to open or close. In most cases, performing a washer replacement can rectify minor leaks. However, if leaks are more serious, the faucet itself may need to be changed.

Mold

Although this may not seem like a plumbing-related issue, mold appears as a result of there being excess moisture somewhere in your home. This can happen as a result of a leaking pipe, a faulty appliance like a dishwasher or washing machine or even a toilet that may not be sealed around the pipe as well as it should be. If mold is detected that has an area size of larger than one inch, a plumber should be called in to see if there are any leaks close to where it has appeared.

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