

# Plumbing Maintenance Checklist

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## Water heater:

- Check for leaks and corrosion.
- Check temperature/pressure relief valve. Make sure handle is working.
- Drain a gallon or two from the drain valve into a bucket. Check for sediment. There should be a moderate amount.
- Check exhaust on gas and oil fired water heaters for rust, etc., tight connections and blockages.

Typically, water heaters last about seven years. Check your home records for when the water heater was installed. If the water heater is nearing the end of its service life, consider replacement, and/or the addition of a Water and Gas Shutoff (WAGS) valve to protect your property and possessions against damage from water damage due to a failed water heater. Call for complete details.

- Check all sinks, tubs, showers, etc. for leaks. Look under sinks for signs of rust or water.
- Check all faucets for leaks.
- Check all hoses and pipes for leaks, signs of rust and corrosion. If pipe insulation is in place, inspect for signs of leaks. Make sure insulation is in good condition, properly fitted and secured.
- Check sumps and sump pumps for proper operation.
- Check all drains and traps to see if they run slow.
- Check toilets for leaks and proper operation or if they are sluggish when flushed.
- Check main water supply valve and supply valves to sinks, etc. Locate valves so you can find them in an emergency. Open and close valves to determine if they are working properly. Valves should turn easily.
- Turn off outside water supply. Remove and drain garden hoses.

A few minutes of preventive maintenance can save you the cost of major repairs. Repair all leaks or call us for professional inspection of any suspected problem areas.



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