

Plumbing Recommended Best Practices

Due to current National Energy Code, your home is equipped with water conserving devices in your toilets and faucets. These devices reduce the volume of water that flows through the faucet or toilet.

Below are some best practices to incorporate into your daily/weekly/monthly routines around your home:

Bathroom Faucets:

Your showers, tubs, and sinks need to be run every other week if you are not regularly using them. Inside the faucet is a cartridge that regulates the hot and cold water. If the hot water is not ran frequently in the tub or shower, the cartridge can freeze, which will result in no hot water. This is generally an unpleasant surprise for guests and visiting family!

Water Conserving Toilets:

Your toilets help the environment by conserving water with every flush. It may be necessary to hold down the handle when trying to flush large amounts of waste. This allows for more water to flow from the tank and creates a more forceful flush. Flushing the toilet a second time will also assist.

Quick Tips:

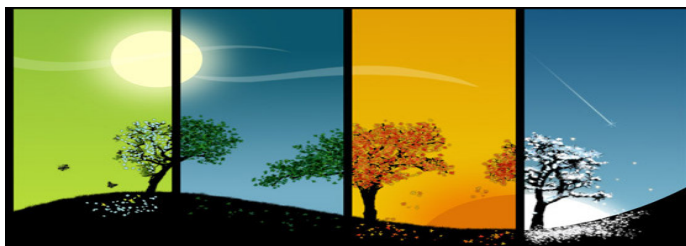
Items to never flush into your sewer system include:

- Non-disposal wipes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Paper towels
- Floss, Q-tips and cotton balls
- Pills
- Cigarette Butts

If you are leaving your home for a period of time, it is recommended to:

- Flush all toilets in the residence numerous times
- Run all faucets for a minimum of 5 minutes

This is in an effort to flush as much waste material out of the home drain/sewer system and into the main sewer utility. Waste material left in home drain/sewer system, if left without water flushing through the line, will harden over time and could potentially cause a blockage upon resumed regular usage of the system. Blockages of this nature, are not covered under the warranty of the home.



Seasonal Homeowners

If the home is unoccupied for extended periods of time, it is recommended that you have someone come and check your house periodically. This can be a professional service or a friend or relative.

There are a few basic things to consider if you are Seasonal

Water to the House

For Homeowner: Turn off the water to the house when leaving, at the main line
Turn off Water Heater breaker (if applicable)

For Home Watch: Turn on water, run faucets, baths and toilets, turn off water when leaving

Cool - 78 - Hold*

Heat - 65 - Hold*

Fan = Auto

Air Conditioning

For Homeowner: Set the Thermostat to an appropriate temperature
Leave AC Filters for the Home Watch

For Home Watch: Make sure AC is operating correctly
Change AC Filter every 30 days