

Repairing your own plumbing can save money

But make sure you know what you're doing or it could cost you a lot

Like most homeowners, sooner or later you will probably run into a problem with your house's plumbing.

However, many people know very little about their home plumbing system and so they call a plumber whenever problems arise.

While many plumbing predicaments require the expertise of a professional, others are simple enough to fix yourself. Repairing your own plumbing can save you money — provided you know what you are doing.

Two sets of pipes

Your plumbing system is composed of two sets of pipes.

One set carries waste material into sewer lines or septic systems. This operates by gravity.

The other uses water pressure to drive fresh water into your sink, bathtub or toilet.

Before making repairs, always remember to turn off the water at the main valve. It's a good idea to locate the main valve now —

before there is a problem. It should be near the water heater or water meter.

A common problem is a leaky faucet. It most likely is the result of a worn out washer. To reach the washer, you have to remove the handle of the faucet.

Take out the screw that holds the handle in position and pry it off with a screwdriver. Tape or a bandage wrapped around the tip of the screwdriver will prevent scratches to the finish. Pry all around the base of the handle. Working in only one place could bend the housing.

Loosen and remove the cap that holds the stem in place. The stem should now twist out.

There are washers in the cap and on the end of the stem. Replace the ones that appear worn out. The washer on the end of the stem is held on by a tiny screw. It must be removed to change washers.

Before reassembly, clean corrosion off with steel wool or a scouring pad.

Faucets with hot and cold water on the same handle do not have traditional

washers but they have similar rubber rings that wear out and can cause leaks.

Clogged drains can also cause headaches for the home owner.

Minor clogs can usually be removed with a plunger or chemical drain opener. However a chemical drain opener is very hard on your pipes and the environment so a good substitute can be made from a mixture of baking soda, salt, white vinegar and boiling water.

A plumber's snake can also be used. Push the snake through the pipe while constantly turning it in full circles to cut through the clog.

Keep drilling even when the water starts to flow.

If this doesn't work, remove and clean the curved piece of pipe under the sink called the trap.

Once the drain has been opened, turn on both taps to flush it out and pour some cleaner in the drain.

Leaky pipes should be replaced as quickly as possible.

Temporary patches can be made from rubber and a radiator hose clamp. Some hardware stores even sell special clamps designed to stop leaking pipes.

Prevention better

It is, of course, better to prevent plumbing problems than it is to fix them.

The best way to prevent drain clogs is to clean sinks, toilets and all plumbing frequently.

Also, inspect any visible plumbing for signs of wear.

If these simple repairs fail or you are unsure about what you are doing, make sure you call a plumber.

Doing simple repairs yourself can save you money, but working blindly can cause even more expensive damage to your system.

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