



Plumber Talk

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5 Tips To Avoid Holiday Plumbing Disasters

The Holiday Season is a busy time for everyone, and the last thing you need is costly plumbing repairs. We compiled a short list of 5 things you can do to keep your homes' plumbing working trouble free.

1.) *Careful what goes down the Drain!* The most common plumbing problem during the holidays is a clogged kitchen sink. Avoid pouring cooking oil, grease, or pastry dough down the kitchen sink drain. These items will solidify in the drain and cause a blockage at the worst time.

2.) *Ensure there's plenty of hot water.* Having a house full of guests requires many adjustments to regular routines. Plan adequate time between showers so that your water heater has time to recover and produces enough hot water. If your water heater is already performing poorly, consider installing a new energy efficient water heater before guests arrive.

3.) *Check your toilets.* Some older toilets don't flush properly because of broken components inside the tank. These improperly flushing toilets can cause a back-up when house guests start using them. Minor repairs to these fixtures can get them flushing properly and avoid embarrassing situations.

4.) *Insulate water pipes.* Exterior water pipes exposed to the elements can freeze and burst at inconvenient times. It is recommended to wrap pipes with some type of insulating material to prevent pipe bursts. Copper and brass pipes are more susceptible to pipe burst, so take a look around your house and identify hazards.

5.) *Call Zing Plumbing for help.* We are offering a complimentary plumbing inspection to our clients in an attempt to avoid serious plumbing breakdowns during the holidays. We can perform a quick inspection of your plumbing system and let you know what is working great and what could use some attention before it causes problems. Our phones are always on to support you and your needs.



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Easy Oreo Truffle

"These truffles are very easy and delicious.

You can't go wrong with OREO, cream cheese and chocolate!"

Ingredients:

- 1- 16oz package of OREO Chocolate Sandwich cookies
- 2- 8oz package of semi-sweet baking chocolate, melted
- 1- 8oz package of cream cheese melted

Directions

- 1.) Crush 9 of the cookies to fine crumbs in food processor; reserve for later use. (Cookies can also be finely crushed in a re-sealable plastic bag using a rolling pin.) Crush remaining 36 cookies to fine crumbs; place in medium bowl. Add cream cheese; mix until well blended. Roll cookie mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.
- 2.) Dip balls in chocolate; place on wax paper-covered baking sheet. (Any leftover chocolate can be stored at room temperature for another use.) Sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs.

* For truffle making support, call Zing Plumbing anytime...520-289-4693



Best Way to Insulate Pipes

It is important to protect exterior water pipes around homes to protect against frost. Water trapped in unprotected pipes can freeze, expand, and cause pipes to burst.

The best way to insulate your pipes, is to purchase foam insulation and place around exterior plumbing. Many pipe configurations consist of angles and offsets. We recommend cutting insulation to fit pipe and fittings, and then wrap with duct tape or similar material to hold the insulation together. This is best done before the weather is freezing.



If your pipes have no insulation the night of a deep freeze, we recommend wrapping with old towels and blankets. This idea is not pretty, but it works!



Thanks For Your Support!

A special thanks to all of our great clients, helpful vendors, and amazing people who support and make Zing Plumbing possible. We sincerely appreciate every one and pledge our dedication to bring superior plumbing service to the residents of Tucson. We wish all of you and your families, Happy Holidays and a blessed New Year. God Bless.

