

How Do I Deal With A Plumbing Emergency?

Homeowners have to deal with their fair share of plumbing issues throughout life. It's a difficult experience to grasp and you have to think fast. To save money, some people will try DIY hacks to stop a leaky sink or fix a clogged toilet, but doing so isn't recommended.

Recognise Signs Ahead of Time

A plumbing emergency can be stopped before turning into a major problem by checking leaking taps, slowly draining sinks, damp ceilings or walls, are often signs of a much bigger issue that needs immediate attention.

Know Where Your Water Shutoff Valve Is

On your property there is a water shutoff valve. If you are facing a serious plumbing issue the first thing to do is access the shutoff valve, this will cut off the supply of water to all toilets, sinks, and appliances in the house. Know where your main sewer valve is located as well, shutting off this valve in the event of a backed up toilet or clogged sewer line can help minimise damage.

Check Your Water Heater

In a hot water emergency, it's best idea to turn off your water heater to avoid damage to the unit. Turn off the heater after the main valve is shut off to prevent heat from welling up inside of it, which raises the risk of bursting or overheating. If you have a gas water heater, always turn the gas off first.

Call a Plumber as Soon as Possible

When trying to resolve any plumbing issue, [calling your plumber](#) as soon as possible is vital. Every minute that you let water gush from your pipes or allow your toilet to backup increases the damage to your property and raises your expenses.

