

Blog: 7 Types of Atlanta Plumbing Services You May or May Not Have Heard Of

Checklist: How to Tell When It's Time to Call for Plumbing Services

It's not always easy to know if you need place a service call with a local plumber. Some homeowners choose to take a watch-and-wait approach when, in reality, they should immediately call for plumbing service. Here are a few warning signs that you need the help of a professional plumber:

- If you no longer get enough hot water for your shower, your water heater may be on the verge of going out. Be sure to have it checked out right away. If you wait too long, the water heater may leak and flood your home.
- You may have a sewage leak if the air surrounding your home smells like rotting eggs, fish, or waste. Since sewage pipes are below your home's foundation, you need to hire a plumber to take a closer look.
- The ground around the perimeter of your home should be dry. If you notice wet spots, this is another sign of a sewage leak. You may also have a substantial leak in your main water line.
- Water should flow freely out of a faucet. If there is clog in the pipe or aerator, you may notice a slow stream or barely-there trickle. Plumbers specialize in fixing faucets of all sorts.
- It should only take a few seconds—usually under a minute—for a toilet to flush and refill. Call a plumber if your toilet doesn't refill quickly or if runs without someone actually flushing it.
- Ghost flushing is a real phenomenon; however, it doesn't mean there is actually a ghost in the bathroom. If the toilet flushes all on its own, it may need a new flap or chain. This is a simple job for a master plumber.
- A burning smell coming from the garbage disposal is never normal. This often means the motor is going out. A plumber will determine whether to repair the disposal or replace it.
- If your feet are in a pool of water by the end of your shower, chances are good that something is clogging the drain. Hair, soap residue, and miscellaneous debris are common culprits. Before the clog gets any deeper, call for plumbing service.



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- Rising water in the washing machine is another common plumbing problem. A clog in the line causes this to happen. If you don't have a plumber unclog the line, the washing machine may eventually overflow.

Plumbers tackle these types of problems on a daily basis. Waiting too long to address a plumbing concern may lead to more costly repairs or damage to your home. If you suspect something is wrong, take a proactive step and place a service order with a local plumber right away.

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