

Blog: What You Should Expect from an Atlanta Emergency Plumber

Checklist: Warning Signs It's Time to Call an Emergency Plumber in Atlanta

Do you have a true plumbing emergency, or can the problem wait until the morning? This is often a hard call for homeowners to make. Here are the few signs that it may be time to place an emergency service order with a local plumber:

- **You smell gas inside your home.** While you may not know this, a plumber is the first person you should contact if you can smell natural gas in your home. This is a true emergency situation. Ignoring this may turn into a dangerous, if not deadly, situation. Gas lines are often connected to water heaters, and a plumber can turn off the gas for you. Of course, you should also contact the gas company at the same time.
- **The smell of rotten eggs fills your home.** Unless you left a carton of eggs on the counter for a week, you are most likely dealing with a sewage leak. Think of everything that makes up sewage, and you'll realize why it's dangerous. Don't handle the situation on your own, as you may make yourself or your family sick. You better call a 24/7 plumber right away.
- **You have frozen pipes.** Low temperatures are your pipe's worst enemy. Pipes are prone to bursting if they freeze. Don't try to remedy the situation with a hairdryer. Instead, call a plumber who knows the best way to defrost your pipes and minimize the risk of them bursting.
- **Your toilet makes strange gurgling sounds.** Flushing the toilet is a pretty mundane, uneventful experience. If you notice your toilet talking back to you afterward, you probably have a clog in the line. A plumber can clear the line before the problem gets any worse. If you don't treat the situation, it's only a matter of time before your entire plumbing system backs up.
- **You hear water dripping in the walls or pipes.** The sound of dripping water almost always points to a leak. If the sound comes from inside the wall, it's time to hire an emergency plumbing company. Dangerous black mold may grow if you don't repair the leak as soon as possible. A leaking faucet, while less worrisome, may drastically affect your water bill.



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- **The washing machine drains sluggishly.** This usually means that you're dealing with clogged pipes. You may also notice that the washing machine fills higher than normal. If you don't have a plumber correct this situation, you risk having your washing machine overflow the next time you run a cycle.

There is water pooling around the water heater. The ground surrounding your water heater should be dry. If it's not, there is a leak. Think about how much water your water heater holds. If this appliance bursts, it could flood your home. A plumber will determine if the leak is fixable or if it's better to install a new water heater



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