

## Plumbing & Water Safety Checklist- Maintenance

Recommend all checks be performed by a professional for safety. If you are the home owner & chose to do inspections & cleaning on your own then you should have correct & safe training to perform to prevent any harm or injury to yourself or others.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Set water temperature for safety & prevention of burns from water on 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Use child safety devices over hot water faucets & use anti-scald devices on your faucets at sinks & shower/baths where needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Have professional check for properly coded showers & faucets that they have the correct amount of pressure or flow for water conservation. Have a professional check your water pressure & any other signs of leaks or poorly conditioned pipes. Monitor home for any signs of water damage on all levels & attic & basement or crawl space.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Have a professional secure & clean your dehumidifier.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Check for erosion signs in/outside of home & install French drain or similar to stop damage from erosion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Check sprinkler system for leaks periodically in yard & around home.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Never pour chemicals or grease in your sink. You should dispose of chemicals as recommended by the label & check with your licensed plumber. Allow grease to sit & cool in glass or heat tolerated container then dispose in trash.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Never throw medicine in the toilet or sink unless you have read proper instructions & it is on the safe list to dispose of in the pipes. Medicine that will not be used should be placed in trash wrapped & sealed in a bag well hidden from small children & other adults OR you should call your local pharmacy for a take back medicine program.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. All water safety for children should be followed to prevent drowning: Use child safety devices on water faucets & over toilets. Never leave water standing in/outside the home. Use 4 foot gait/fence or higher with locked fence around any water containing structure to prevent children from falling in water.

Teach water safety to all children & use alarms on water structures or on children if you have a pool or other water structure.

**Routine inspections that should be scheduled:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Have a professional check water heater monthly to drain 2 gallons to remove sediment or have your plumber train you in proper draining.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Replace carbon cartridge of water filter monthly if recommended by manufacturer or licensed plumber.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. In FALL clean shutoff valves to outside faucets, drain all hose or waterlines, remove needed items from sprinkler system & have insulate pipes as needed to prevent freezing. Stay aware daily of your weather condition to be prepared for freeze warnings so you prevent pipes from freezing.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. In SPRING & FALL test operation manually on the safety valve of your hot water tank, wear gloves & have a professional test if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. In SPRING & FALL check faucets, bibs, commodes, hose & shutoff valves for leaks.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Yearly inspections of septic tank if you have one by a professional. Clean sludge build up if it reaches 1/3 full. More frequent cleaning is needed if you have a large tank & a garbage disposal.