

Plumbing Tips and Tricks - 5 Plumbing Tips Everyone Needs to Know brought to you by your friendly San Diego Plumber

San Diego, California Feb 9, 2022 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Are you dealing with a dripping faucet, low water pressure, or clogged pipe? You're probably tempted to call a professional plumber in San Diego, and with good reason. Homeowners usually don't have the necessary skills for a DIY plumbing job. They can even make matters worse.

It's absolutely no fun to deal with plumbing problems. That's why our team at Kellems Plumbing San Diego has made this list of our top plumbing tips that will help prevent some of your biggest pet peeves when it comes to your pipes.

Kellems Plumbing in San Diego has been serving the plumbing and heating & air conditioning needs of the San Diego area since 1980. Kellems Plumbing Services in San Diego has the ability to service all major and minor plumbing and HVAC services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our expert plumbing team in San Diego is committed to the highest level of customer excellence through its services and customer experience.

Just like everything else, your plumbing is subject to wear and tear. And the best way to avoid a disaster is with a good knowledge of basic plumbing problems and solutions.

Here are our 5 essential plumbing tips that you should master as a homeowner.

- Don't Pour Grease or Oil Down the Drain

Have you ever heard people talk about eating food to get a 'grease coat', or fill themselves up? The same thing that happens when you eat greasy food happens when you dump grease or oil down the drain. The grease and oil will build up. You won't notice it at first – you'll think it's totally fine, and that as a liquid, down the sink is where it should go. But little by little that grease and oil will clog your pipes and leave you with some serious plumbing problems. Think about your pipes before pouring that cooking liquid down the drain, and opt for a safer disposal option. For example, wait for the fat to solidify before throwing it in your compost bin.

- Use A Strainer

Clogs are one of the most common plumbing problems, and when it comes to a shower or sink drain, it can become gross and messy thanks to hair and soap residue. Avoiding the icky is as simple as using a basket strainer. This will help prevent a time-consuming and unpleasant task in the future.

- Watch What You Flush

There are certain things that should be flushed and certain things that should definitely not be flushed. We're pretty sure you catch our meaning. If you start flushing things other than toilet paper and bodily waste down the toilet, you could cause some serious clogs that we're betting you really don't want to deal with. That includes hygiene products, cotton balls, prescription medications, and yes...unfortunate fish.

If you're noticing that your toilet becomes clogged more and more frequently, there are some additional causes that could be the root of your problem. Imagine waking up tomorrow to a lake where your basement used to be. Boxes of old family photos and high school yearbooks are completely destroyed. You pinch yourself and realize that this isn't a nightmare. It's real life, and your water heater sprung a leak overnight.

- Keep tabs on water pressure

It's such an important part of a healthy plumbing system. Just like we get our blood pressure taken every time we visit the doctor, you should be monitoring your home's water pressure as often as you can. You can pick up a simple pressure gauge pretty cheaply at any hardware or home improvement store. If you want a more accurate, modern solution, install a smart home water monitoring system like the Flo by Moen. That way you can stay on top of your water pressure in real time, detect leaks and track water usage.

- Respect your garbage disposal

Garbage disposals are amazing tools to have in your home but they definitely can't handle everything. Be especially wary of pouring any fats, oils, or grease down the drain. These will solidify when they cool down and can cause buildup in your pipes. Before running your garbage disposal, let some cold water run into the drain for five or ten seconds first, and continue to run cold water for a few seconds after you stop. Put some ice cubes in the garbage disposal periodically to keep the blades sharp.

You can take all the preventative measures in the world, but like anything else, time will take a toll on your plumbing. You're eventually going to have a problem. We're here for when the going gets tough. We handle everything from plumbing repairs in San Diego to full or partial replacements and everything in between. We'll do it all, and we'll do it right, guaranteed.

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