

Plumbing Diagnosis Checklist



Area of Home:	Your Results:	What to Check:	Why to Check it:
Water Meter	Before: _____ After: _____	Read the water meter number before and after an eight-hour interval when no water was used.	If the reading is not exactly the same, the home has a leak and will need to be repaired. See leak detection services .
Bathtub & Shower	Leak: [] Moisture: [] Water Stains: [] Soft Spot: []	Check faucets, drains, and handles for leaks; walls for moisture, water stains, and soft spots.	Stains on walls or flooring indicate previous water damage and are generally symptoms of larger problems that lie beneath. Run a few inches of water in the base of the shower or tub and let sit for half an hour to check for leakage.
Toilet	Leakage: [] Slow Drain: [] Soft Floor: []	Flush the toilet to check for leakage around base. Check for slow drainage. Check for soft floors.	A toilet should be tight on its base, and leakage around base reveals a problem that plumbers can resolve. Soft floors indicate previous water damage to the area. Slow or no drainage indicates blockage somewhere in the plumbing system. See toilet repair services .
Faucets	Dripping: [] Leak: [] Vibration: []	Check for dripping faucets and leaks around handles. Turn off hot water faucet abruptly and listen for a hammer or vibration.	Leaking faucets generally indicate worn out or loose parts. Vibrations or hammers in the plumbing system can be caused by full or loose pipes. Some minor faucet issues can be corrected without the help of a plumber, while others require a licensed professional for sink repairs .
Water Heater	Serial Number: _____ Age: _____ Corroded Parts: []	Check first four digits of serial number (MMYY) to indicate age of water heater. Search for rusted or corroded parts, such as the ventilation shaft.	Water heaters generally last 8-12 years; older heaters with visible wear may require an inspection from a professional plumber.
Basement or Crawl Space	Leak: [] Quality: []	Check for leaks around joints. Inspect plumbing for quality of workmanship.	Messy or disordered plumbing may reveal larger problems looming for a future homeowner. Make sure the unseen portions of your home are free of debris that may cause pipes or fixtures to bend or break.

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