

# 8 PLUMBING TIPS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

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'Tis the season for holiday baking and merry making: a time for leftover ham, Wham! and quality time with your favourite plumber. *Wait, what?*

Post-Christmas reality hits hard, especially in the realm of plumbing. The festivities, cooking marathons, and the subsequent cleanup often lead to an abundance of waste in the kitchen drain. Add in the extra water usage from holiday guests, and it is no wonder that the period after Christmas becomes the busiest time of the year for plumbers.

In this season of giving, our homes sometimes unknowingly gift us plumbing challenges that have been quietly lurking, patiently waiting for the opportune moment to make their grand entrance. Water leaks, partially clogged drains, and other plumbing predicaments rear their heads when you least expect them. Hashtag: *rude*.

Because we are awesome and think you are too, Positive Plumbing QLD have compiled a list of our Top 8 Preventative Plumbing Tips that will ensure you *sleigh* this season.



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### SCRAPING SAVES THE SEASON

Hosting festive functions inevitably means a mountain of dishes await to be conquered. Rally your guests to the kitchen cleanup cause by encouraging them to scrape their plates into the bin. After all, who wants Christmas meal scraps causing chaos in the sink or dishwasher?

To keep your pipes flowing freely, deploy the sink strainer when releasing water from the sink.

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### AVOID THE FATBERG FIASCO

Don't let fatbergs ruin your holiday cheer. Refrain from flushing fats or oils down the drain, as these culprits lead to unpleasant and costly clogs. Opt for a simple solution: pour excess oil into a container or onto paper towel, then dispose of it in the bin. Your pipes stay clear, and your holiday budget stays intact - a win-win for a joyful season!

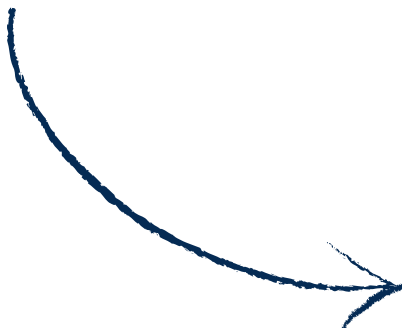
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### BIN IT, DON'T FLUSH IT

Ensure your bathrooms are not just sparkling clean but also guest-friendly. Place a bin in each bathroom to make the disposal of personal items a breeze. No one wants to walk out with a handful of personal rubbish, especially during festive gatherings.

But it's not just about convenience — it's about plumbing peace too. To discourage the flushing of items like female hygiene products or so-called 'flushable' wipes (spoiler: they're not as flushable as they claim), a readily available bin is a game-changer.

*Remember to only flush  
the three Ps: Pee, Poo,  
and [Toilet] Paper!*



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#### STAGGER YOUR SHOWERS

A handy trick for when your home is abuzz with guests during the holidays: stagger your showers. Allow approximately 10 minutes between showers to give your drains a breather during high-usage periods.

This simple strategy works wonders, especially if your drains have pre-existing capacity concerns. By spacing out showers, you're easing the load on your drains, reducing the likelihood of backups or clogs during these busy times.

So, just like Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Vixen, take it one shower at a time to keep your drains jolly and your plumbing in tip-top shape this holiday season.

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#### WATER WISDOM FOR TRAVELLERS

When embarking on holiday travels, safeguarding your home against potential plumbing disasters is crucial. A common issue during vacations involves burst flexi hoses, often leading to home flooding due to constant water pressure. Typically, our daily activities provide intermittent relief to the pressure in pipes. However, when away, this pressure remains constant, making weakened flexi hoses a potential trouble spot.

To prevent returning to a watery mess, consider a simple yet effective precaution: turn off your water at the mains before leaving. This step can significantly reduce the risk of plumbing issues and provide peace of mind during your travels.



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#### CHECK FOR LEAKS

Before the festivities kick into high gear, take a moment to inspect your tap ware, shower heads, and pipes for any leaks. Tending to minor leaks now can stave off potential major issues later, especially during the holiday rush.

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## **PREP YOUR GUTTERS**

Show your gutters some love before the storm season fully kicks in and clear away any debris and leaves, ensuring downpipes are unobstructed.

By giving your gutters some TLC, you're ensuring proper drainage and preventing potential water damage during summer storms.

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## **ACT NOW, NOT LATER**

Just like with Christmas shopping, the key to a stress-free holiday is early action. If you've got an aging hot water system, a frayed flexi hose, or a leaky tap, address it now. Waiting until the last minute could turn a minor issue into a major one.

As you're likely to spend more time at home with guests during the holidays, the strain on these plumbing problems could escalate. Don't risk disappointment by waiting until a few days before Christmas; schedule your plumbing appointment today.



## **FACING A CHRISTMAS PLUMBING CRISIS?**

Even with the best precautions, plumbing emergencies can still play the Grinch during the holidays. If your pipes decide to go jingle bells up, Positive Plumbing QLD will be able to assist.

While we'll be taking a short break over the Christmas period, rest assured that Positive Plumbing QLD will be on call throughout December and January to help you with any plumbing emergencies, including burst pipes, blocked drains, and no hot water.

We believe in transparency, and during these public holidays, our rates will reflect the additional compensation for our hardworking on-call plumbers, aligning with award requirements.

For plumbing emergencies, please call us at 0407 172 106.