

Plumbing Tips

Before the start of the rainy season make sure all gutters, down pipes and valley gutters are free of debris and leaves as this will alleviate any major roof leaks.

Never pour oil, grease products or food left over's down the sink waste as this will in turn cause the drain pipes to clog up causing a blockage.

Water Storage Tank – always have a way of indicating the level of water remaining in the tank. If the tank ever runs dry, this will cause the booster pump to run continuously as there is only air being pumped, this in turn will cause the pump to burn out.

During a power cut, turn off the geyser at the mains switch and do not turn on for at least 5 - 10 minutes after the power has returned. By doing this you avoid the risk of the element/thermostat blowing once the power is restored and a surge is created.

Regularly clean out the basin, bath and shower waste, as hair begins to accumulate from washing. The lost hair will eventually block the plug hole and drain pipe.

In the event of a burst geyser, switch off the main cold water feed, either near the geyser if you have a separate shut off valve, or alternatively turn off the main water supply to the house. Turn on all hot taps in the house in order to drain the geyser as quickly as possible. This will also apply if there is a burst pipe in the house or garden – turn off the main cold water which will either be located near the municipal meter, borehole or water storage tank (whichever applies to your set up).

In the event of a blocked drain please do not attempt to try and clear this with either a hose pipe, wire or stick etc. Any of these items can easily become lodged in the drains causing them to become stuck or could possibly damage the drainage pipes, leading to costly and lengthy repair.

Always address drips and leaks as early as possible – even the smallest of drips can lead to 1000's of litres of water being lost in a very short time!

Last but not least – a plumber is a trained professional; if you think you can do the work yourself and save some money, by all means carry on, but remember that if things go wrong it will possibly end up costing double the amount of what it would have cost you in the beginning for a plumber to rectify the problem! Save yourself some time and money and let the professionals carry out the work for you.

We hope that you find the above very basic but very necessary tips useful!

Wayne De Beer Cell: 0774 099750 Email: waynedebeer01@gmail.com