



Pipeline

Helpful plumbing tips and news!

The Ghost In My Toilet

Does your toilet flush by itself? Does it cry and whine in the middle of the night? Do you hear knocking and banging in the pipes? A little scary, but not impossible. And yes, we can fix it, the toilet and the ghost. Sometimes these issues can be fixed with a simple adjustment or replacing the flush handle. Very often the guilty party is not a ghost but a faulty ballcock in the toilet. As far as hearing the noises the ghost makes in the wall sometimes air is trapped in a pipe and that is what makes the thumping sound. This can be easily fixed by adding extra support for the pipes and securing them. Just call us and we will be more than happy to come out and assess the problem and

take out the ghost in your toilet. You can also request service calls on our website at www.deaseplumbing.com.



Bathroom Cleaning Tips

Shiny Shower

Rubbing a teaspoon of lemon oil on glass shower doors twice a month causes water to bead up and roll off. Another way to achieve this is to try Rain-X Original Glass Treatment, a car-care product that is used to keep rain water off of your windshield. Use this twice a year.

Liner Low-Down

Is mold and mildew attacking your shower curtain liner? Try putting it in the wash with a few towels, which helps scrub it clean, then just hang it back up to dry.

Taming the Throne

Drop a teaspoon of Tang Drink Mix in the bowl. The citric acid acts like a

scrubber and its nontoxic, in case the dog takes a sip. Let it sit for a few minutes, then swish and flush.

Plumbing Fun Facts:

Copper piping, which is the #1 material used for plumbing work in today's world, is the same material that the Egyptians used to lay their own pipe - some 3000 years ago!



If a drip from your faucet fills an eight ounce glass in 15 minutes, it will waste 180 gallons per month and 2,160 gallons per year.

Albert Einstein was named an honorary member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union after saying publicly that he would become a plumber if he had to do it all over again.

Are Dishwashers Green?

We get asked a lot about the eco-friendliness of dishwashers. The most efficient way to wash dishes, hands down, is the bucket method (one sink of warm soapy water, one sink of clean water, very few dishes). But if you're too busy or don't have that kind of time then the dishwasher is the way to go. Cut down on your dishwasher energy use with these tips:

- Only use the dishwasher when it is fully loaded.
- Place cups *between* the prongs, not on top of them.
- Set the dishwasher to the "light" cycle.
- Load smart by placing the soiled side of dishes towards the center of the dishwasher for better exposure to the spray.
- Skip the heat-dry cycle, which wastes electricity. Just open the door and let the dishes air-dry.

