

Everyday Plumbing Checklist

A Homeowner's Practical Guide by Wave Building Services

Regular plumbing checks help prevent costly repairs, reduce water waste and keep your home running smoothly all year round. Use this practical checklist to stay on top of minor issues before they become major problems.

Monthly Plumbing Checklist

- Inspect under sinks, around toilets and near appliances for leaks, damp patches or mould.
- Check water pressure and note any sudden drops or fluctuations.
- Run all taps and showers, listening for unusual noises and checking drainage speed.
- Test toilets to ensure they flush correctly and are not continuously running.
- Examine visible pipework for corrosion, cracks or loose joints.
- Check for slow-draining sinks or baths.
- Look for water stains on ceilings or walls.

Annual Plumbing Checklist

- Inspect your hot water system for leaks, rust or inconsistent heating.
- Check outdoor taps and exposed pipework before winter to prevent freezing.
- Clear slow drains to prevent build-up and major blockages.
- Monitor your water bill for unexplained increases.
- Test your stop valve and ensure it turns easily.
- Check seals around baths, showers and sinks for deterioration.
- Inspect radiator valves and pipework if applicable.

Essential Tools Every Homeowner Should Have

1. Adjustable spanner
2. Plunger
3. Drain snake or auger
4. Plumber's PTFE tape
5. Bucket and old towels
6. Torch for inspecting tight spaces

When to Call a Professional

- Persistent leaks or ongoing low water pressure
- No hot water or heating issues
- Burst or frozen pipes
- Sewage smells or repeated blockages
- Signs of water damage on walls or ceilings
- Water pooling around appliances

Attempting complex repairs without professional expertise can worsen the issue and increase costs.

Need Support?

Wave Building Services provides professional general plumbing and emergency repairs across Exeter and the surrounding areas.

If your checks highlight any concerns, or you would like a full plumbing inspection for peace of mind, our experienced engineers are here to help.

Contact us today to book an inspection or request emergency support.