

# PLUMBING CHECKLIST

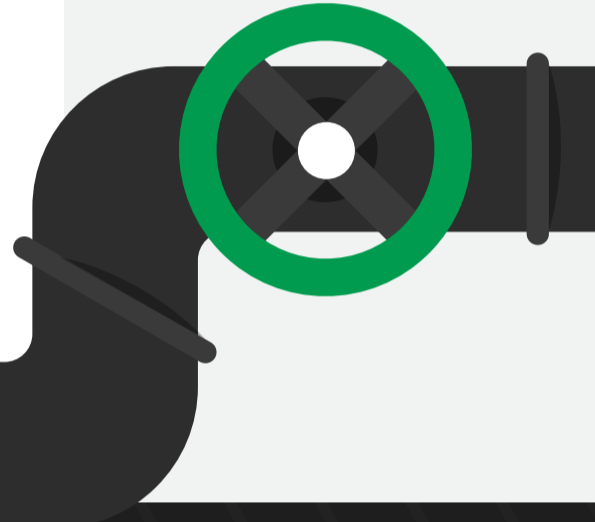
## FOR HOME BUYERS

**Buying a Home?** This Plumbing Checklist Can Help Never miss key plumbing details again. This plumbing checklist for home buyers can help you spot leaky faucets, worn hoses and unwashed grout. First-time home buyers often get caught up in the excitement and forget to check on a few key plumbing items. Sure, it's easy to spot a leaky roof or a broken window but plumbing problems can be more difficult to detect—and they can cause lasting damage. **Get this plumbing checklist for home buyers** so you don't miss any of the important details.



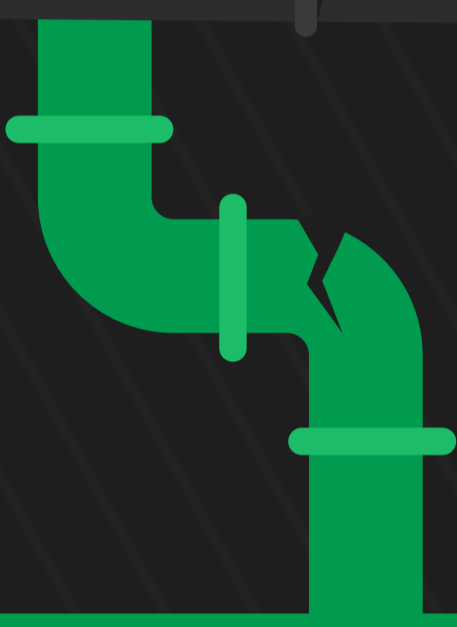
### Check the Water Shut-off Valves

Before you start looking at the house itself, ask about where and how to turn off the water in case of an emergency. Ask about the location and condition of all shut-off valves. If they don't know, contact a plumber to find out.



### Check the Faucets and Toilets

Do they have good flow? Are they low-flow appliances? How old are they? All of these factors can affect your utility bills in the future.



### Check for Leaks

Look for any signs of leaks around sinks, toilets, showers, tubs, and other fixtures. Check for grout that's coming loose around the shower or tub fixtures, and look at the floor under each sink as well.



### Check for Unusual Smells

Do all the drains seem to drain slowly? Or are any drains plugged up altogether? If so, that could be a sign of clogging caused by debris buildup in the pipes—or even worse, tree roots getting into the pipe through cracks.



### Check for Low Water Pressure

Low water pressure can be an indication of old pipes or other plumbing issues. It's also inconvenient in the shower.




### Check the Types of Pipes Used

Plastic pipes aren't as durable as copper or metal ones, so they usually need to be replaced sooner. And some types of pipe (like polybutylene) have been banned in homes because they're too prone to leaking.

### Check the Water Heater

Ask how old the water heater is and whether it's gas or electric. Make sure it's in good condition with no signs of rust. Check that there are no signs of leaks on or around the water heater, either.

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