

### Toilet Maintenance Checklist

- [] Clean and Disinfect:
  - [] Wipe down the entire toilet bowl and exterior with disinfectant cleaner.
  - Scrub the bowl thoroughly with a toilet brush.
  - O [] Clean under the rim and around the base of the toilet.
- [] Check for Leaks:
  - O [] Visual Inspection: Look for any signs of water on the floor around the base of the toilet.
  - [] Tank Leak Test: Add a few drops of food coloring to the toilet tank. Wait 30 minutes. If the water in the bowl changes color, you have a leak.
- [] Inspect Flapper:
  - [] Ensure the flapper seals properly to prevent the toilet from running constantly.
  - O [] Look for any signs of wear and tear or damage.
- [] Check for Clogs:
  - O [] Flush the toilet and observe how quickly the water drains.
  - $\bigcap$  If the water level rises slowly or doesn't drain completely, there may be a clog.
- [] Water Level Check:
  - o [] Ensure the water level in the tank is at the correct height as indicated by the fill valve.
- [] Preventative Maintenance:
  - [] Avoid flushing anything other than toilet paper and human waste.
  - O [] Use a plunger or toilet snake to clear minor clogs promptly.

### **Important Notes:**

- Frequency: Perform this checklist monthly or as needed.
- Safety First: Wear gloves and eye protection when using cleaning chemicals.
- **Professional Help:** If you suspect a serious issue or are uncomfortable performing any of these tasks, contact a qualified plumber.



# **Emergency Preparedness Plumbing Checklist**

•	[] Know Locations:
	<ul> <li>Main water shut-off valve for the entire house.</li> </ul>
	o [] Individual shut-off valves for toilets, sinks, washing machine, dishwasher,
	water heater.
•	[ ] Tools & Supplies:
	o [] Basic plumbing toolkit (pipe wrench, basin wrench, pliers, screwdrivers).
	o [] Plunger (cup plunger for sinks, flange plunger for toilets).
	<ul> <li>[] Hand auger or small drain snake.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>[] Buckets and towels for catching leaks.</li> </ul>
	o [] Plumber's tape.
	<ul> <li>[] Temporary pipe repair clamps or tape.</li> </ul>
•	[ ] Contact Information:
	<ul> <li>[] Keep the number of a trusted plumber readily available.</li> </ul>
•	[ ] Practice:
	o [] Ensure all household members know where the main shut-off valve is and how
	to operate it.

### **Important Notes:**

- Safety First: Wear appropriate safety gear (gloves, mask) when working with cleaning chemicals.
- Professional Help: For any major plumbing issues or concerns, consult a qualified plumber.



## Preparing for Winter Checklist

- [] Drain and shut off exterior faucets/spigots.
- [] Disconnect and store garden hoses.
- [] Insulate exposed pipes in unheated areas (crawl spaces, attics, basements, garages).
- [] Seal any cracks or openings near pipes on exterior walls.
- [] Know the location of your main water shut-off valve and ensure it's working.
- [] If leaving the property vacant for an extended period, consider draining the entire system or keeping the heat on at a low temperature.

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### Tankless Water Heater Inspection Checklist

### 1. Visual Inspection

- Leaks: Check for any visible leaks around the unit, pipes, and connections. Look for signs of water damage on the floor or ceiling below the unit.
- [ Corrosion: Inspect the unit for signs of rust, pitting, or other forms of corrosion.
- Physical Damage: Check for dents, cracks, or other physical damage to the unit.

### 2. Safety Checks

- | Gas Lines (for gas units):
  - O [] Check for leaks: Inspect gas lines for any signs of leaks (gas odor, hissing sounds).
  - O Proper ventilation: Ensure adequate ventilation for gas combustion.
- [] Electrical Connections (for electric units):
  - O [] Check for loose wires or damaged insulation.
- [] Pressure Relief Valve (T&P Valve):
  - O [] Test: Manually lift the T&P valve lever slightly to release a small amount of water.
  - O Inspect: Check for any signs of leaks or corrosion around the T&P valve. Ensure the discharge pipe is properly installed and directed away from the unit.

### 3. Operational Checks

- [] Water Flow: Check for adequate hot water flow at multiple fixtures simultaneously.
- [] Temperature: Ensure the unit is providing consistent hot water at the desired temperature.
- [] Error Codes: Check for any error codes displayed on the unit's control panel.

### 4. Maintenance Checks

- Clean or Replace Water Filters:
  - [] Frequency: Clean or replace water filters as recommended by the manufacturer's instructions (typically every 6-12 months).
- [ Clean Air Filters (for gas units):
  - Frequency: Clean or replace air filters as recommended by the manufacturer's instructions.
- [] Descaling (if applicable):
  - o [Frequency: Descale the unit to remove mineral buildup (frequency varies depending on water hardness and manufacturer recommendations).
  - O [] Method: Follow the manufacturer's instructions for descaling procedures.

#### **Important Notes:**

- Safety First: Turn off the power or gas supply to the unit before conducting any inspections or maintenance.
- Professional Help: For any major concerns, descaling procedures, or if you are unsure about any aspect of this
  inspection, consult a qualified plumber or a technician certified to work on tankless water heaters.