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Q: Why am I always running out of hot water?

A: It's either time to flush or replace your water heater. If it's a few years old, it's a good idea to flush it free of debris buildup, that will probably help. If that doesn't help, or if the unit is headed into the double digit age range, it's time for a new one.

Q: Why is the water pressure in my shower so low?

A: There could be several reasons, ranging from a clogged or worn out shower head to a broken diverter (the part which blocks water from coming out the bath spout and sends it up to the shower head). The worst case scenario might be a blockage in the main water supply line, in which case you'll notice low water pressure everywhere in the house.

Q: Why is my toilet whistling when I flush it?

A: Your shutoff or fill valves are the most likely culprits, and it's probably time to replace one or the other. Telling your friends the toilet is haunted might be fun, but you don't want to have a real problem on your hands.

Q: Why is my tap leaking?

A: First of all, kudos to you for asking, most people ignore it, and yes it is racking up your water bill. Either the washer inside the tap is worn out, or the whole tap needs to be replaced, but either option is more cost effective than ignoring the problem.

Q: Why is my toilet overflowing?

A: Stop flushing! It's probably blocked up. If the water is already at or over the lip, it's going to be nasty, but you need to get in there and try plunging. If plunging doesn't work, try a sewer snake to break up the, uh, blockage. If that doesn't work, well... that's what we're here for.