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Q: Why does my shower only run cold water?

A: Usually the answer to that is a worn out water heater, but if it's under 8 years old then it could just need to be flushed. Sediment and debris build up after a few years, and even the inside of your water heater needs a shower every now and then.

Q: Why does my toilet keep running?

A: A worn out flamer, flush valve, or fill valve is probably at the root of your problems. Fairly cheap and easy to replace, this is one of the simplest plumbing problems to resolve.

Q: Why isn't my garbage disposal working at all?

A: If there's no noise and absolutely no motion when you flip the switch, it's an electrical problem. You can try resetting it and making sure it's plugged in (yes, a disposal needs to be plugged in). If that doesn't work, and neither does replacing the switch, you may need to replace it completely.

Q: Why does my garbage disposal make clanking noises?

A: First, DO NOT reach down the disposal while it is on. Make SURE the power has been turned off (not just the switch, the power). Once it is off, carefully feel to see if there is a non-food item that has fallen in, such as a spoon, bottle cap, shot glass, etc. Carefully remove non-food items. If the problem is in the flywheel, motor bearing, or impellers, you need to call us in, because you may need to have the unit replaced.

Q: Why are my pipes leaking?

A: A leaky pipe is fairly common, and the leak usually happens near a joint. You can use fitting compounds or joint fillers for a temporary fix, but for a more permanent solution you need to replace a section of the pipes. If your pipe starts leaking worse or spraying, get a compression clamp and rubber sheeting (or invest in leak tape) to keep the mess contained until we can send someone to your location.