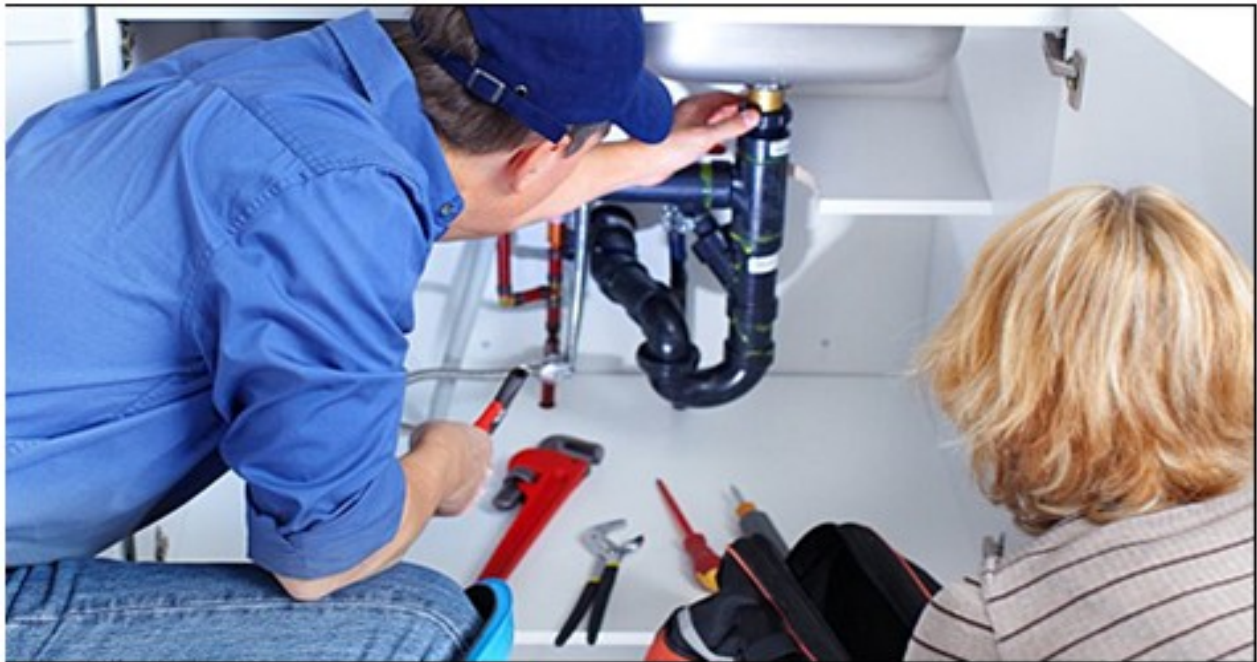




## **Local Plumber Advises Homeowners to Schedule Annual Plumbing Maintenance**

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A home or business needs regular maintenance to ensure it functions properly. Waiting until something breaks can cost more money to repair or replace them. The plumbing system is no different than any other factor; it needs annual maintenance to prevent problems.

Simply Green Plumbing, Sewer & Rooter recommends every homeowner and property manager schedule annual plumbing inspections and maintenance. Here's why:

**Saves Money.** An annual plumbing inspection and maintenance will not be free. However, it may uncover smaller problems that can be addressed with minor repairs. Unattended, these issues can grow to be major ones that will cost a lot more to repair or replace.

**Extends the Life of the Equipment.** With regular maintenance, anything lasts longer. Without regular oil changes, a car's engine would not last more than a few years. It's the same with plumbing equipment like

water heaters, faucets, tubs, and showers. They'll last longer when they are properly maintained.

**Avoids Water Damage.** An inspection will find small leaks and cracks in pipes. They can be repaired or replaced before they burst and cause serious water damage that can lead to mold growth.

**Utility Savings.** Maintenance will help plumbing appliances and fixtures run more efficiently. It will also uncover leaks that can be fixed, which will save on water usage. The result is savings on utility bills.

**Safety.** There could be sewage leaking into the building without it being obvious to the occupants. An inspection can uncover that problem and allow it to be repaired before causing serious health problems.

There are standard items that plumbers check during an inspection.

**Kitchen.** Plumbing items typically checked here are the water shutoff valves and water supply lines under the sink, as well as the drain line, and faucets. They look for leaks, corrosion, and moisture. They'll check for slow drains and smells, indicating grease or debris buildup. They'll check the garbage disposal for proper operation.

**Bathrooms.** There are also shutoff valves in bathrooms behind the toilet and beneath the sink. Because they don't get used often, they can become corroded or worn from high water pressure. The plumber will inspect them for these problems to ensure they are still functional. They will also inspect the toilet, sink, tub, and shower for any leaks.

**Water Heater.** The plumber will inspect for wear and tear and leaks in the water heater. If the water heater is older than 6-7 years, it may be inefficient and costing more in utility bills. Local plumbing codes change frequently, so the plumber will advise on any required modifications needed.

**Exterior.** The plumber will inspect the building's exterior for leaks and signs of standing water, which could be caused by leaks or improper drainage. They'll also check for dangerous gas leaks that need to be addressed immediately.

**Sewer Lines.** Because sewer lines are not always visible and problems not always apparent, a professional plumber is needed. They have specialized equipment to inspect all sewer lines and remedy any issues they uncover.

Simply Green Plumbing, Sewer & Rooter has been serving customers in the Los Gatos area and surrounding cities since 1988. They provide a full range of plumbing services to both residential and commercial customers.

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