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Prevent a Water Damage Nightmare

After a weekend away, Dave came home to discover that a pipe had burst, flooding his house. Flooring was damaged, walls were soaked, and furniture was unusable. He spent three months in hotels while major repairs were done to make the house livable, leaving him thousands of dollars in debt because his insurance didn't cover it.

How bad can it be?

Dampened carpets and drywall create the perfect environment for mold and bacterial growth, putting your family at risk for severe illness or even death.

Stagnant water provides the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes like *aedes aegypti*, which spreads the Zika virus. If water seeps into the foundation or other critical components of the building, it damages the structural integrity of your home.



Repair can range from replacing some drywall and pipe to major renovations and mold remediation. Hence the cost can vary widely and you may or may not have to pay the full price, depending on your insurance coverage.

Causes and prevention

Leaky pipes cause slow seepage of water into your walls or onto your floor. Maintain plumbing by having a professional check and repair pipework that's corroded or damaged.

Freezing is the most common cause of a **burst pipe**. Ice expands in the pipe, weakening it to the point of failure. Ensure that pipework in unheated areas is properly insulated and have it regularly inspected.

A sewer pipe blockage or an overwhelmed storm system can result in a **sewage backup**.

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Keep your sanitary pipes clear with regular cleaning and maintenance. Have a professional review your property's storm drainage to ensure it doesn't compromise the sewer system.

Prevent **overflows or leaks from appliances** by installing an automatic shut-off valve. It works by detecting irregular flows consistent with leaks and shutting off the supply to the appliance. Alternatively, you can go with a whole-house shut-off valve that turns off the main supply, protecting the entire house.

Leakage from the building structure like the roof, windows and foundation can cause water damage that goes unnoticed for months or years. Proper inspection and replacement of old

roof and window caulking reduce the risk of water infiltration and damage.

If damage happens

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If, like Dave, you come back from your vacation to discover your possessions under water, the first thing you should do is shut off the main supply to the house and call a plumber.

Immediately notify your insurance company and start the claim process.

The next step is to call in a restoration specialist to review the damage. They can carry out the repairs or you can hire a separate contractor.

Prevention is better than cure.

Call Associated Plumbers Inc. today for an assessment; we can help protect your home from water damage!



7 Emergency Planning Tips

After the excitement of moving into your new home, the last thing you want to think about is preparing for an emergency. No one can predict whether you will be faced with a major storm, a wildfire, or another disaster.

You need to prepare for the worst.

Here are 7 important things to know in case of an emergency:

1. Shutoffs - water, power, gas

Depending on the emergency, flowing water could cause more damage. Shutting off your water can mean the difference between a damp spot on the floor and a flooded basement. Similarly, shutting off gas and electricity can protect your home from a fire.

2. Emergency contact numbers

Ideally you should memorize the critical numbers you might need. Just in case panic sets in or you have a guest from out of town, you should have a written list accessible. Numbers to include: police, fire and ambulance emergency, poison control, power and gas companies' emergency numbers and the nearest hospital's number.

3. What to put into your emergency kit.

Emergency kits are a lifesaver once they contain critical items. These items include: flashlights, batteries, a battery-operated radio, water (2 liters per person per day), canned food, a manual can opener, an extra set of car and house keys, cash, important documents, candles and



matches, medicine, basic tools (a wrench, screwdrivers, hammer, pliers, a knife, etc.), hand sanitizer, small fire extinguisher, etc.

4. Escape plan

Work out an escape route and do drills with your family. Ensure that everyone knows where the emergency and first aid kits are so they can find them in the dark. If a storm is about to hit, charge all cellphones. Have all your important documents like ID, birth certificates, passports, etc. in one place where you can grab them.

5. Radio frequency for emergency broadcasts

Know beforehand which radio station or frequency transmits information during an emergency and pre-set the radio in your emergency kit. This is especially important if you recently moved to a new city.

6. Locations of shelters

This takes your escape plan a bit further. Sometimes your home is not the safest place to be. You need to know where to go during a disaster or immediately after.

7. Location of hospital

If someone in your home gets injured or needs to be rushed to a hospital, knowing the quickest route to the ER might save your loved one's life.

There's one more important thing to know: the number for a skilled contractor. There are ways to minimize damage to your home from a disaster.

Give Your Company a call today to see how we can help you prepare your house for emergencies so you can sleep easier in your new home.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- At 140 degrees, it takes five seconds for water to burn skin. At 160 degrees, it takes only half of a second. Home hot water systems should be set to no hotter than 125 degrees.
- In Japan, some urinals have voice-activated flushing mechanisms. The urinals respond to several commands, including "fire."
- Sir John Harington is credited with inventing the flushable toilet in 1596, hence the American nickname for it, "the john."

Source: <http://atlasplumbingmb.com/plumbing-tips/fun-plumbing-facts/>

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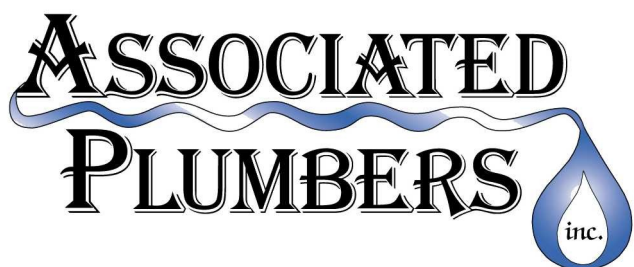
INGREDIENTS

- 1 15 oz can Pumpkin Puree
- 1 10 oz can Evaporated Milk
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter melted
- 1 cup coarsely crushed graham crackers
- ½ cup toffee bits (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F & spray a 9×13 baking pan lightly with cooking/baking spray
2. In a large bowl combine the pumpkin, evaporated milk, sugar, eggs and pumpkin pie spice. Stir to combine.
3. Pour into your prepared pan.
4. Sprinkle your entire box of cake mix on top, followed by your nuts or graham crackers and toffee chips.
5. Pour your melted butter evenly on top.
6. Bake for 45-50 minutes until center is set and edges are lightly browned.
7. Enjoy and serve with ice cream or whipped cream

Source: <http://cookiesandcups.com/pumpkin-dump-cake/>



Have Fun

Here's a small list of what is going in our community.

09/10 Legends of Arkansas Music & Craft
Argenta Arts District Plaza

09/24 Main Street Truck Festival
Downtown Little Rock

10/22 Arkansas State Fair
Oct 14, 2016 thru Oct 23, 2016

10/29 Arkansas Conrbread Festival
Little Rock SoMa District

11/05 Holiday House 2016
Nov 10, 2016 thru Nov 12, 2016

11/19 Dutch Oven Cooking Workshop
Pinnacle Mountain State Park