

## 5 Popular Plumbing Emergencies



There are three certainties in life: death, taxes, and plumbing emergencies. Whether your home was built in the 1950s or it's new construction, a part of your plumbing system will inevitably fail. A swath of problems from annoying funky smells and toilet clogs to much more serious pipe bursts and gas leaks require immediate attention and the expertise of plumbers for solutions.

Here are five popular plumbing emergencies.

### 1. Waste Odors

If your water doesn't pass the sniff test, then you're correct to conclude that something's wrong. Water from faucets that smells sulfuric or like sewage indicates that your piping may be bad and /or you may need a water filter system. It could also mean your hot water heater is on the fritz. Dispatch your plumber sooner than later to avoid exposure to harmful bacteria or other elements.

### 2. Toilet Problems

[We mention toilet problems a lot](#), not because we have potty-mouths, but due to the fact that they're, well, problematic. You can plunge away your standard clogs, but this blog post is about emergencies, and when plunging doesn't work, you are stuck with harmful, standing waste

water. Your toilet may also leak into the bowl or on the floor, and you'll find yourself in a flooding situation.

### **3. Scalding Water**

You would rather sing "Feeling hot, hot, hot!" in the shower than actually suffer a burn from sudden, scalding water. Extremely hot water means you may have a water heater problem or a faucet with temperature controls that needs to be repaired. The safest bet is to send for your plumber to fix the issue once and for all.

### **4. Burst Pipes**

A burst pipe is the DEFCON 1 of plumbing emergencies. [As we've previously written](#), when pipes burst, flooding often occurs. Call your plumber immediately, and while you're waiting for them to arrive, shut off your entire home's water system to stop the flood. Don't forget to open the faucet at the lowest level so the remainder of the water goes down the drain rather than onto your floor.

### **5. Gas Leaks**

This is not the time for DIY heroics. If there's a strong smell of gas in your home, evacuate immediately and call the fire department. You may not know it, but plumbers handle gas leaks all the time. Your plumber will shut off the main gas valve in your home and locate the source of the leak.

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We understand the panic and anxiety that plumbing emergencies cause, but rest assured that Alan Tinker Plumbing & Rodding will come to your home to assess and solve the problem. [Contact](#) us, and we'll get back to you ASAP!

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