

Take Care of Your Gutters and Downspouts Before Fall



If gutters and downspouts had emotions, they'd probably feel rather neglected. That's because many of us walk past them without paying attention. The problem with this out of sight, out of mind approach is that gutters get clogged with debris, preventing your downspouts from draining. Spring and summer generously allow leaves, sticks, and other debris that can keep your gutters and downspouts from doing their jobs, resulting in serious issues like foundation damage, structural problems, mold and mildew, and basement flooding. Here's how to take care of your gutters and downspouts before fall arrives.

Climb the Ladder?

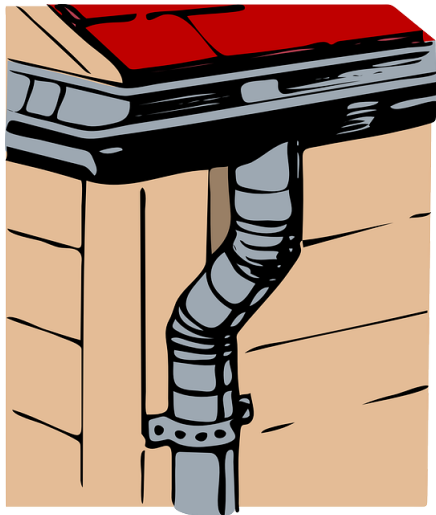
If you're so inclined, use a sturdy, tall ladder, gloves, and safety goggles to go to work on your roof. It goes without saying that this is risky, and one false move can result in serious injury or even death. It's best to call a professional who specializes in this. Although we don't clean the gutters, we can rod or flush out lines depending on how they are set up.

Clean and Flush the Gutters

If you must go up there on your own, bring a garden trowel or homemade scoop with you to collect the debris from the gutter trough. Use a gardening hose to flush out the gutter to ensure removal of micro debris and proper flow. If the water isn't draining, it's time to address the downspout strainer. Again, we highly recommend dispatching your plumber for your safety and to save a lot of time.

Check Your Downspouts

A downspout--also known as a waterspout, downpipe, drain spout, roof drain pipe, and leader--is a pipe that carries rainwater from a gutter. If your downspout isn't draining, there's likely a clog that can lead to flooding.



Make sure you check all of your downspout drains around the exterior of your home, and if they're not draining, call your plumber to snake out the blockage.

We Are Here to Help

Not only does Alan Tinker Plumbing & Rodding have the expertise to solve your gutter and downspout problems, we care about your safety. We know of too many instances where people have gotten hurt trying to fix these issues themselves. We will protect you, save you time, and ensure that your gutters and downspouts are clear and ready for the fall. Contact us, and we'll get back to you ASAP! Please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).