

Checklist: How to Tell If a Plumbing Issue Is a Plumbing Emergency

Most plumbers charge extra for nighttime and weekend calls, so you only want to call for emergency service if it's really necessary. If you know you have a plumbing related problem, but you aren't sure if it's an emergency, what should you do? It's simple enough to ask yourself if it's something that can wait until a weekday, but does that really give you the answer you need?

There are other questions you can ask to determine if a plumbing problem is a plumbing emergency. Take a look at this checklist to know for sure:

- **Do you have standing water?** If the answer is yes, call a plumber now! Any standing water is a bad sign, but this is especially true if it's around the base of a toilet, around or near your water heater, seeping up through the floor, coming down through the ceiling, or anywhere else that it shouldn't be. Finding out where it's coming from and fixing the problem is a priority and requires immediate attention from a professional.
- **Is your water cloudy or discolored?** Anything but clear water is a sign that something is wrong. If it's your pipes, repair won't happen immediately, but it's good to know what the problem is. If it's something more, you'll be glad you called for immediate service to protect yourself and your family from potentially dangerous water.
- **Do you hear water running when you don't have the water running?** The sound of running water could be an indicator of a leak. Leaks would count as an emergency. Water can accumulate quickly and can cause an enormous amount of damage in a short amount of time. You want to stop the leak and restore the area as soon as possible.

- **Has your shower suddenly stopped draining?** A sudden clog isn't usually from a buildup of soap scum or hair. If your shower stops draining without any previous sign of a clog, call a plumber. It could be a sign of a sewage backup.
- **Do you smell sewage?** If you smell sewage, don't wait to see if it goes away. A sewage backup is serious business and requires an emergency visit from a plumber ASAP.
- **Did you suddenly stop having hot water?** If you run out of hot water that's one thing, but if you don't have any at all, that could indicate a serious problem with your water heater. While you might be able to wait until a weekday for repairs, if there's an issue that could turn into a leak, you don't want to wait. It's time to call for emergency plumbing repair.

The good news is that 24/7 plumbing emergencies are made much easier by our team of expert plumbers in Madison GA. Connect with our pros at Anthony Wimpey now if you need immediate plumbing assistance.