

# What To Do In A Plumbing Emergency:



Plumbing emergencies need to be dealt with as soon as possible. When you have a plumbing emergency, there are a few things that you can do while you wait for the plumbers. With an experienced plumber you can be sure that everything is taken care of properly.

## **Shut off the water**

The moment you notice a major problem within your home, such as burst pipes, you will want to shut off the main water valve to your home. This is generally located outside, on the water meter. The water meter can be hard to find due to overgrown gardens, water meters are generally located somewhere along the front boundary line of your property. Shutting off the water supply won't eliminate the problem but it will prevent water from flooding your home. Additionally, you may not have to shut the water off at the main,

depending on where the problem is located. If the leak is directly at the tap or a toilet, you can turn off the water to a specific feature. This will make it easier for you to have access to water in the rest of the home until you can get a plumber out.

### **Know your plungers**

Every homeowner should own a plunger, they can potentially save you hundreds of dollars. Plungers can be bought from many places and are relatively cheap. Place the plunger over drain so that it creates a seal, push and draw the plunger rapidly up and down over the waste. Most soft blockages will break down and pass through pipe work. If the blockage doesn't clear call [your plumber](#), before any further damage is done.

### **Repair a leak quickly**

If you notice that you have a leaking or dripping tap, whether it is in the kitchen, bathroom, or anywhere else, you will want to [call for emergency plumbing](#). The reason is that a small leak can result in a high water bill. Even though it may not seem like a lot of water, it can add up quickly.

### **Don't use chemicals**

It may be tempting to go to the store and buy chemicals to pour down your drain. If you have any kind of clog, you will want to call for 24/7 plumbing as opposed to trying to do anything on your own. The chemicals may end up damaging the pipes. Additionally, you may not know what is clogging the pipe. Plumbers will be able to identify the problem and use the necessary tools in order to get everything working normally once again.

### **Assess the damage**

Review what's going on so that you can explain the problem to [your plumber](#). When you have burst pipes it's critical that you shut off the water and then figure out what might

have happened. The more you know when you [call](#), the easier it will be to describe the problem. The plumbers can then send the appropriate technician and also ensure that there is sufficient equipment on the truck.

### **Call as soon as possible**

One of the biggest problems is that homeowners don't immediately [call for after-hours plumbers](#). There's a reason why 24/7 plumbing in the Central Coast is offered. It allows any issue with **water** to be solved quickly. When you call our office number after hours you will be diverted straight to our on call plumber, they will either help you address your concerns or can attend your property. You can have a plumber come out at any time of the day or night to address the problem. You can even find out estimated costs before having someone out to your home.

By following a few tips, you can minimise the damage and keep everything under control until your plumber arrives. Contact [O'Brien Electrical and Plumbing](#) today to get emergency plumbers out to your home or business.