

9 Plumbing Tips for Commercial Buildings



Are you planning to build a commercial building? You're in the right place. Just like any other commercial building essentials, plumbing is relevant as a foundation. Most clients these days disregard the [importance of plumbing systems installed in their commercial buildings](#). So, the burden of imparting the importance of commercial plumbing lies in professional plumbers. Plumbers must carry out regular inspections and full-service maintenance immediately. Keep in mind, however, that as commercial building owners, you also have a role to look out for. To make things easier for you, here are some 9 plumbing tips to get you started:

1. Routinely check for leaks

In every [inspection or maintenance](#), always check for leaks. Leaks, even minor ones, may lead to greater risks entailing damage costs. And in teams of commercial plumbing, any sign of leaks will worsen and will even compromise the overall plumbing system of your commercial building. For example, faucet or pipe leaks may lead to water wastage of about 3,000 gallons if left

unattended. So, it is essential to spot these leaks as early as possible and address the issues right away. Remember that early signs of such leaks may be constant drips of water from faucets that you don't regularly use. On the other hand, clogs are much more apparent to notice.



2. Keep an eye out for corrosion

Most commercial pipes consist of galvanized steel or any other metal material. To fully understand the proper maintenance of your commercial plumbing, you need to observe proper prevention and elimination of corrosion. Look out for early corrosion signs that you can quickly address. These may include discolored water, leaks, strange taste, and unpleasant smell.

3. Test all faucets and toilets

Testing all faucets and toilets will help you detect early signs of plumbing issues. You can check how long it takes the toilet to refill after being flushed and how the water runs through the faucet. It may also help you identify if you are [dealing with water pressure problems](#). The earlier it is detected, the better. If left untreated for an extended period, this may lead to pipe bursting or

leaking that may compromise your daily consumption of water.



4. Ensure drains are working properly

The drainage system is also an important aspect of any commercial plumbing system. You can ensure that the drains are working properly by using a drain guard or cleaning the drain frequently. If drains are working properly, water in the plumbing system runs smoothly. It also helps you prevent drainage issues in the process, such as clogging or collapsed drains.

5. Check the water pressure

Make it a habit to check water pressure from time to time. Making sure that the water pressure is normal can help you avoid pipe bursting and damage to your appliances. You can check the water pressure by first turning off your appliances using running water and reading the pressure on the pressure gauge. If it's your first time checking the pressure, make sure to consult professional plumbing experts.

6. Test water temperature and color

Testing the water temperature and color helps commercial building owners see the characteristics of water that would determine its health effects. Plus, this enables you to understand if such water quality is up to human consumption or not. Water temperature regulates the maximum oxygen dissolved in water. It is important to test as varying water temperatures affect water treatment. Ultimately, this gives you the capacity to check if the water quality that you are using is up to health standards or otherwise.



7. Inspect for visible damage

Just like any other basic assessment, inspect any damage that you can easily see. Usually, visible damages can be visible water dripping, rust, or tree roots. If you have detected early signs of water damage, it's better to call a professional plumber immediately. However, they have the necessary tools and expertise to resolve the issue at hand in no time.

8. Listen for unusual noises

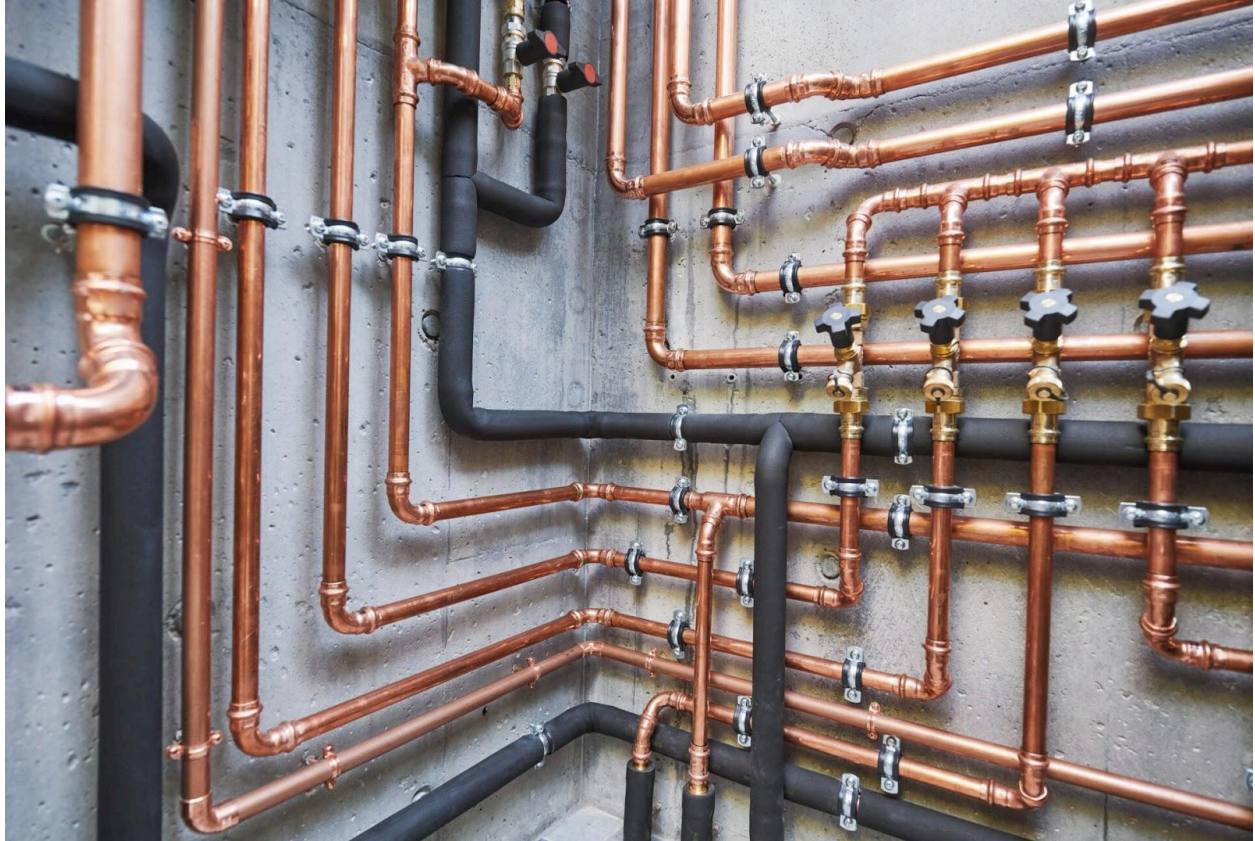
Unusual noises are one of the most common signs of an underlying problem in your plumbing system. More often than not, unusual noises come from leaking and [high water pressure](#). Keep in mind that once you hear weird noises, they might be a plumbing issue that needs to be addressed quickly. The most common reason for unusual noises is high water pressure or flow.

9. Schedule maintenance for the plumbing system in hard-to-reach places

It is also important to schedule a maintenance check, especially in areas that are hard to assess. A certified plumber uses a plumbing maintenance schedule to evaluate and inspect the plumbing system's condition, especially in places you can't easily access. They have the necessary equipment to evaluate such systems, so it's practical to schedule a maintenance inspection if necessary. The appointment will record any issues spotted during the inspection.

This plumbing maintenance may consist of the following:

- Inspect pipes and valves for leaks and damages;
- Provide recommendations and rectification



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