

ALL ABOUT PLUMBING LTD

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director's message

I would like to personally thank all of our clients and supporters who supported our successful foodbank drive in December 2009. We were able to provide generous support to the foodbanks of Christchurch at a time of dire crisis. Your generosity made a huge difference to the success of this campaign.

Well Winter is almost upon us – it's time to dust off your heaters and cleanout your gutters. This issue we highlight some of the safety issues surrounding the use of gas heaters as well as some simple pre-winter checks that any homeowner can take care of.

If you are pushed for time or have elderly relatives that feel a little unsafe clambering up a ladder or getting under the house – call our office and get one of my team to arrange a visit to run through our pre-winter checklist.

Looking to the future we also thought it was time to share our company concern for the future of our water quality. All About Plumbing is a member of WaterNZ and passionate about protecting one of our most precious resources – read what you can do to assist us protect New Zealand's water quality.

Richard

Richard Aitken
Managing Director

Gas Appliances

Get them checked, keep them safe!



When gas does not burn properly excess carbon monoxide is produced - you can't see it, you can't taste it or even smell it but carbon monoxide is lethal and can kill without warning in just a matter of hours.

You are at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning if:

- your gas appliance was poorly installed
- your gas appliance is not working properly
- your gas appliance has not been checked for safety or maintained regularly
- your chimney or flue gets blocked
- there is not enough fresh air in the room - ventilation is vital. All fuel uses up fresh air as it burns and gives off waste gases. Gas appliances need fresh air to burn properly. Never block or obstruct any vent

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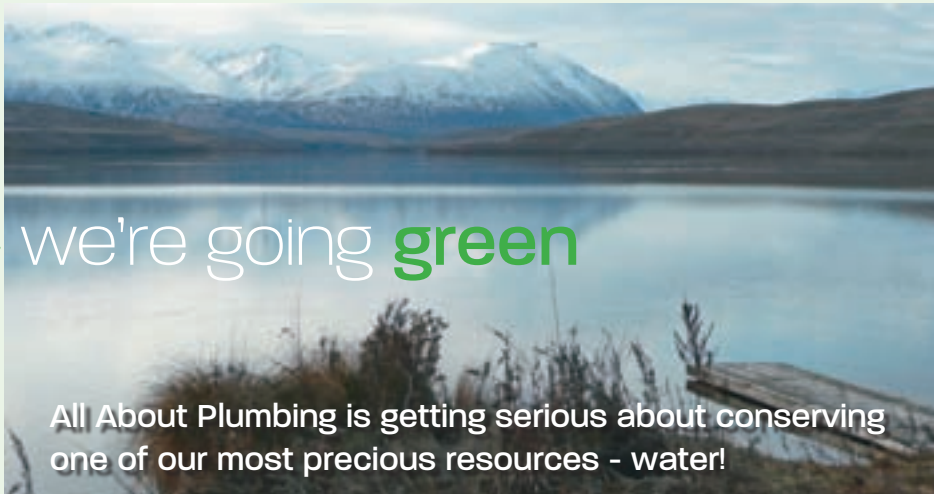
All gas consumers are advised to have appliances checked for safety **at least every 12 months** by a qualified gasfitter.

Safe use of portable gas heaters

Cylinder gas is used to fuel powerful domestic heaters in houses, caravans and mobile homes. Portable heaters do not need flues but they do need a lot of air. They should not be used in confined spaces with poor air circulation. By sticking to these simple guidelines your gas heater should provide trouble free - safe heat this winter.

- Avoid buying secondhand.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Have your appliances regularly serviced by a registered engineer
- Ensure rooms are adequately ventilated - do not block or obstruct vents.
- Keep portable heaters clear of furniture, bedclothes and curtains.
- Do not use a portable heater for drying clothes.





we're going green

All About Plumbing is getting serious about conserving one of our most precious resources - water!

We want to make it easy for all of our residential and commercial customers to join the green revolution and conserve water. We can all have an immediate impact on water usage by making existing toilets, sinks and showers as efficient as possible, and when new fittings are required, we recommend those that meet or exceed existing water conservation standards.

Wherever possible our stock lines have been chosen for their "green" quality - we have selected parts that use less water without sacrificing quality or durability. Our company is committed to making greener choices and we strongly encourage our customers do the same. Are we doing enough? Probably not. But we feel we're off to a great start.

Water Conservation Tips

When it comes to conserving water, every drop counts - a dripping tap can waste up to 90 litres of water a day.

Here are some easy things you can do to help conserve our water:

- turn taps off while you shave, and brush your teeth
- run your dishwasher only when it's full
- turn your taps off properly and repair dripping taps
- store drinking water in the fridge instead of running the tap cold.

Replacing an old shower head can save up to 30 litres of water per minute without sacrificing full spray function.

Is your home ready for WINTER?

It's time to drag out your winter woollies - stock up the dvd cupboard and head for the couch. But not for the team at All About Plumbing.

Winter is generally our busiest season - from burst pipes to overflowing drains - our qualified and experienced plumbers are ready to help no matter what your problem this winter.

To help our team have compiled this quick checklist of pre-winter jobs that we should all attend to around our houses to prepare for the colder weather.

- Clean the gutters.
- Check downpipes. Water should flow freely away from the house.
- Examine the roof and gutters. Make repairs yourself, or call all about plumbing, but do it now.
- Check flashings for corrosion or lifting - Flashings protect vulnerable areas of the roof. Faults can affect the weathertightness of the roof allowing water to get into your home.
- Check the smoke alarm and carbon-monoxide detector. Replace batteries.
- Have your chimney cleaned, especially if you use a woodstove or fireplace a lot during the cold season.
- Wrap pipes with heat tape in cold climates.



GET READY FOR WINTER

Is your home prepared for the colder weather?

Call today and arrange one of our qualified team to visit your house and run through our winter checks

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gift voucher

\$20

phone **0800 27 16 16** anytime

This voucher entitles the bearer to labour and associated travelling costs only to the value of \$20 (incl. GST).