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Your Home Could Be Wasting Hundreds of Gallons of Water Each Year—And You Don't Know About It!

That Water Waste Is Putting a Drain on Your Wallet!

Most people never consider how little usable water we have in this world. Only about 1% of water on planet Earth is usable. Yes, it's that little. Not only is it a good idea to be more mindful in our use of water for environmental purposes—it's also financially responsible. You may not realize this, but your home could be wasting hundreds of gallons of water each year.

Here are some crazy statistics that you may find interesting:

- ONE dripping faucet can waste more than 180 gallons of water a month and 2,160 gallons per year!
- Due to inefficient water heaters, people run showers and faucets waiting for the water to get warm. In the process, they waste on average 9,000 gallons of water each year!
- A single leaky toilet can waste tens of thousands of gallons in just one year—enough water to fill a swimming pool! And according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 20 to 40 percent of ALL toilets leak!

Here's another interesting statistic: If your home is more than 20 years old, you could easily be wasting thousands of gallons of water every year causing inflated water bills! You see, in 1994, the National Energy Policy Act was passed. It set standards on all plumbing fixtures forcing them to become more efficient. So, if your home was constructed before 1994, it's highly likely that its plumbing is drastically behind the new regimented standards. On average, it could be devouring TWO TIMES more water than necessary!

If you want to slow down your water waste, here are a few home improvements to consider:

- **Eliminate leaks and drippy faucets:** If several are leaking even a bit, it can cost you hundreds of dollars every year. A more significant leak can cost as much as $200 a year!
- **Install new faucets:** Faucets installed prior to 1994 use an excessive amount of water compared to today's models. New faucets can reduce water waste by as much as 50%.
- **Install new showerheads**: Like faucets, showerheads installed before 1994 also use more water than is necessary. New high-efficiency showerheads can reduce water waste by as much as 60%!
- **Install new toilets:** Toilets use 30% of every home's water supply making it the single highest indoor consumer. Toilets installed prior to 1994 use twice as much water, and toilets installed before 1980 use almost five times more! A new toilet can save at least 3,400 gallons of water per year.
- **Upgrade your Water Heater: High-Efficiency Water Heaters** use electricity to move heat from one place to another instead of directly generating it. They can be two to three times more efficient than conventional electric water heaters. **Tankless Units** eliminate standby heat loss by heating water as needed and can reduce your energy consumption by 20 to 30 percent.

Call Steve Huff Plumbing today at 423-239-8361 and we will send a trained technician to replace any faucets & fixtures to save both water and energy in your home!

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Meet Tyler at Steve Huff Plumbing

How long have you been at Steve Huff Plumbing?
I have worked at Steve Huff Plumbing for a little over a year.

What is your favorite part of the job?
I like meeting new people!

What is your favorite food?
Lasagna

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Bora Bora (near Hawaii)

What are your hobbies & what do you enjoy doing on your days off?
Outdoor activities like backpacking, mountain biking and camping.

If you won the lottery, what would your first purchase be?
Real Estate.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2016!

11 Fun Facts about This Year's Olympics!

Once again, it's that special time when the world's eyes will be affixed on the Summer Olympics! They're being hosted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Here are some interesting facts about the games and its host city:

1. Rio 2016 will be the first time in Olympic history that a South American country has hosted the Games. The city won its bid in 2009, beating out Chicago, Madrid, and Tokyo.

2. The torch relay began on April 21 in the Games' birthplace—Olympia in Greece—before traveling across Brazil for more than 90 days and finishing in Rio on August 5.

3. The opening and closing ceremonies will be held in Rio's Maracanã Stadium, which boasts the world record for the most fans ever to attend a soccer game. Although its current capacity is around 78,000, the stadium squeezed in at least 173,000 fans during the 1950 World Cup final.

4. Around 10,500 athletes from 206 countries are expected to take part in 17 days of the Olympiad, competing across 306 events.

5. The Rio games are the first to feature Olympians born in the year 2000. Rules state that all competitors must have been born before Jan. 1, 2003, but many sports have other age requirements for health and safety reasons. The youngest competitors are likely to be from diving and gymnastics.

6. A team of athletes who have been forced to flee their countries have been allowed to compete for the first time. The (IOC) says 5 to 10 refugees are expected to qualify and compete under the Olympic flag.

7. There are 7.5 million tickets, with prices ranging from $40 for some swimming events to almost $3,000 for the best seats at the opening ceremony. Most popular events so far are soccer, basketball, volleyball, and handball.

8. Organizers say they will prepare 60,000 meals per day to feed the athletes. Brazilian staples like rice and black beans and barbecued meat will be accompanied by other local offerings, such as tapioca, pão de queijo (cheese bread), and açaí (an Amazonian fruit and so-called superfood).

9. Rio 2016 needed 70,000 volunteers, the first 50,000 of which were mostly selected from Brazil. The United States, United Kingdom, Russia, and China represent most of the other volunteers chosen.

10. Around 85,000 soldiers and policemen will guard the games—the largest security force assembled at any event in Brazil's history and twice as large as the security presence for London 2012.

11. Rio's taxi drivers, or "taxistas," have been given the chance to sign up for free online English lessons provided by the Rio 2016 Organizing Committee. Drivers are often the first point of contact for fans—those who have taken the four-month course will mostly likely be swapping "hola!" for "hi!"

Tasty & EASY Recipe: Cheesesteak Sliders

Prep: 15 min
Cook: 20 min

INGREDIENTS:

- 7 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound beef tenderloin, cut into thin strips
- Salt and pepper
- 2 large bell peppers, cut into thin strips
- 2 onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 16 dinner rolls, split
- 6 ounces provolone cheese, shredded (about 1 1/2 cups)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a large skillet, heat 3 tablespoons olive oil over medium-high heat until rippling. Season the beef with salt and pepper, increase the heat to high and cook in the skillet for 3 minutes; flip and cook for 2 minutes more. Transfer to a bowl.

2. In the same skillet, heat the remaining 1/4 cup olive oil over medium heat. Add the peppers and onions, season with salt and pepper and cook over medium-high heat, stirring, until softened, about 8 minutes.

3. Place the roll bottoms on a large rimmed baking sheet and top each with the beef and vegetables; sprinkle with the cheese. Bake until the cheese is melted, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a platter and cover with the roll tops.

OLYMPICS WORD SEARCH

In honor of the Summer Games, Steve Huff Plumbing presents an Olympics Word Search! Be the first to complete the word search, and you will receive a $25 gift certificate to Fisherman's Dock Restaurant, 4307 Ft. Henry Drive. Everyone who submits the puzzle gets a $25 OFF coupon for a future service with Steve Huff Plumbing!

Mail completed puzzle to:
113 Witherspoon Drive, Kingsport TN 37663.

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Do You Have a Green Thumb?

If You Enjoy Gardening, You'll Enjoy These Jokes and Remarks about Your Hobby

- The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig.
- Why do potatoes make good detectives? Because they keep their eyes peeled.
- What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter? Pumpkin pi (π).
- What do you call a stolen yam? A hot potato.
- A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.
- Everyone has these on their face? Tulips.
- What vegetable can tie your stomach in knots? String beans.
- What did the carrot say to the wheat? Lettuce rest, I'm feeling beet.

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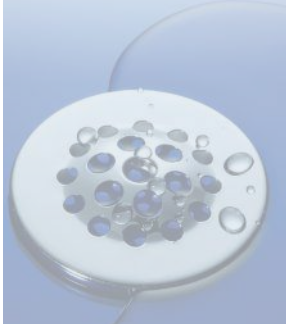

What Makes Steve Huff Plumbing Different?

We Operate Our Business Every Day Based Upon the "TRIPLE-WIN" Philosophy

I've been in the trade for over 41 years, that's a long time! I've seen a lot of things and talked to a lot of customers. I've had more than a few customers ask me, "What makes you different from the competition?" Truthfully, it's a great question to ask. In fact, I would recommend quizzing any contractor before allowing him/her to do any work on your home.

When I'm faced with questions, I always begin to smile. I smile because I love what I do, and I know what motivates me—and my fellow team members—every single day. At the heart of everything we do in our company, is our TRIPLE-WIN Philosophy.

"Wait…" you might be saying to yourself. I'm reading about a plumbing company… They have a philosophy? My answer is: Absolutely! I'm in the service business. It's tough. There's plenty of "Chuck in the Truck" contractors who do the same type of work—but they don't have an ideology that drives them, that motivates them to do their very best. SO, when I mention our TRIPLE-WIN Philosophy, this is what I mean:

1. Our customers must win! First and foremost, we do everything imaginable to help ensure that our customers are 100% satisfied and absolutely love our services. If they don't, we do what's necessary to make them happy they did business with us—so much so that they insist on telling their friends and family about our services!

2. Our employees must win! We realize that the only way to have happy customers is to have a happy team of people serving them! We do everything we can to support our people, lift them up to make them better, and help ensure that they're successful. And for doing a great job, they receive financial rewards—as well as incredible career satisfaction. Just imagine working in a field where you get to HELP people every day!

3. Our company must win! We believe if we've absolutely done everything possible to make sure our customers win and our employees win, our company will naturally win. And we must win and be financially successful in order to help more customers and provide more opportunity for our employees and their families.

That's Steve Huff Plumbing's TRIPLE-WIN Philosophy! We believe it's what makes us unique and it's the reason why we're successful. I hope that in giving you some insight into how I conduct business that you'll want to continue to do business with me and my people.

Thanks so much for taking time to read this little piece from me and our fun newsletter. And thank you for being a valued client and a member of our Steve Huff Family!

Sincerely,

Steve Huff

Owner, Steve Huff Plumbing