

Not Good under Pressure

One of the most common complaints people have with their residential plumbing systems is a lack of water pressure, as water travels from your city or water tower supply down through the vast network of water mains into your home a whole host of factors can contribute to low water pressure.

Your home's elevation in relation to where the water is coming from may cause low pressure, because water loses its gravitational force as it passes over peaks & valleys in route to your home. Low water flow from a faucet or shower head is often interpreted as low water pressure. In many cases low flow may actually be caused by water conserving flow restrictor. But lower water flow may also result from constriction somewhere in the water line. Before you invest in a pressure pump to boost water pressure in your home you should check for the possibility of a constriction.

Water line constriction may have several causes. In older homes mineral deposits build up inside pipes. This is especially true with old galvanized pipes. On houses supplied by municipal systems, check the shut off valve on both sides of the house water meter to make sure they are fully open. If either valve is partially closed it will reduce pressure. If the water inlet pipe uses a reducing valve, check that its strainer is not clogged. Also check for exposed copper pipes for kinks.

A professional plumber can quickly inspect all the possibilities causes & will likely be able to provide a quick remedy. If all the normal pipe & valve related cases are ruled out, you may consider installing a pressure booster pump, which starts up on a demand when you open a tap & runs continuously – without fluctuations – until you shut off the tap

If your faucets and showers are running slow & low, feel free to call us to figure out the problem – and the right solution

Scald Guard

Do you scream in the shower when somebody flushes the toilet? I think it's safe to say we have all experienced this one. Installing a scald guard can prevent this from happening. A scald guard is a device used to prevent the water from the bathtub or sink from becoming too hot. This is important because water that becomes too hot can cause severe burns, or scalds. Homeowners should set the hot water heater to a temperature to 120 degree. This will prevent accidental scalding. A scald guard provides an additional barrier.

Scald guards should be installed in both, the bathroom and the kitchen sink, the two areas where scalding accidents occur most often. A scald guard can be easily installed in a sink or in a shower or bath.