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Welcome Spring! Good Bye Snow!

Living in the North inspires constant change as we experience nature's exquisite seasons. The long awaited change inspires homeowners everywhere towards outdoor spring-cleaning.

As you begin your spring-cleaning, here are some helpful outdoor tips to protect your home against plumbing problem. As hard as it may be, remember to have fun and "whistle while you work!"

Outdoor Spring Cleaning Plumbing Tips

- ✓ Clear yard drains, gutters and downspouts of any debris.
 - The main benefit of cleaning your gutters is that rain will properly flow off your roof into your gutters, which will ensure effective flow into the drainage system. The consequences of not maintaining can lead to many problems such as:
 - Flooding in your home by pooling up by the side of the house and potentially leaking into the basement.
- ✓ Make sure plumbing vent pipes do not have bird nests or any other surprises. If plumbing vents are clogged, this will cause your fixtures to drain slowly.
- ✓ Test outside faucets and hose bibs to ensure water flow. If your outdoor faucet drips or if there is a leak inside your home, you may have had a frozen pipe that cracked that needs to be repaired/replaced.
- ✓ Pour about a gallon of water into infrequently used drains (including floor drains) to fill the trap and prevent odors from entering the house. Slow drains should be snaked to ensure they will carry away water quickly in the event of a flood, caused by popular Spring showers.
- ✓ Install a backflow valve in the floor drain if you live in an area where sewers sometimes back up into homes. This device will prevent future backups.

Contact us today if we can help you with any of these tasks or other plumbing issues:

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