

Plumbing myths cost homeowners money and can cause genuine damage. Murrieta Valley Plumbing regularly encounters problems that were made worse by well-intentioned homeowners following bad advice. Here are the most common plumbing myths and the truth behind them. Myth: Lemons clean garbage disposals and leave them smelling fresh. Reality: Lemon juice is acidic and corrodes the metal components inside the disposal over time. A small amount of mild dish soap flushed through with cold water is a better cleaning approach. Myth: You can flush flushable wipes. Reality: No wipe marketed as flushable should be flushed. These products do not [plumbing services Murrieta](#) break down in sewer systems the way toilet paper does. They are a primary cause of sewer line blockages and municipal pump failures. Dispose of them in the trash.

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Myth: A small drip from a faucet is not worth fixing. Reality: A faucet dripping once per second wastes over 3,000 gallons annually. In California's water-conscious environment, this waste adds meaningfully to water bills over time. More importantly, a dripping faucet often indicates a valve or cartridge failure that will worsen if ignored. Myth: Chemical drain cleaners are a safe and effective solution for clogged drains. Reality: Chemical drain cleaners are corrosive. They can damage pipe walls, particularly older galvanized pipes, and are harmful to the beneficial bacteria in septic systems. Professional drain cleaning is safer for your pipes and more effective at removing the full blockage. Myth: Your water heater will last 20 years. Reality: In Murrieta's hard water environment, water heaters typically fail well before their rated lifespan without regular maintenance. Annual flushing to remove sediment and periodic anode rod inspection extends heater life significantly. For professional plumbing service based on facts rather than myths, call +1 951-696-7100.