



April Newsletter

Helpful Hints for Homeowners

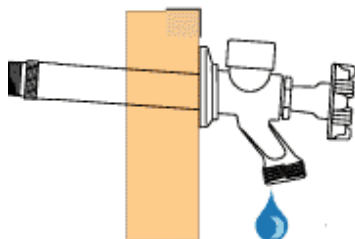
The Joys of Spring

The thermometer as well as the calendar (and the pollen) is telling us that springtime has finally arrived. We have been enjoying warmer days with nice cool nights, daffodils coming up in the garden and country roadsides sprouting our own special New England sign of spring - skunk cabbage.



It's time for spring-cleaning as well as spring clean up, for thinking about our summer lawns and planting our gardens.

After a long winter, spring in New England has begun.



Part of the spring ritual is hooking up the outside garden hose. Whether it is used for watering plants, washing the car, or shampooing the dog, nothing is as discouraging as to find that the faucet isn't working. Even worse, what if you go down into the basement to check the faucet plumbing and find the pipe feeding the outdoor faucet has burst, flooding the basement. You wouldn't notice the leak until you turned on the faucet.

Anti-Freeze outdoor faucets are designed so that the pipe extends through the sidewall of the house and, combined with the flow valve, remains in the heated interior to prevent freezing.

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And now for the bad news... Spring Rains Bring Flooding

The rain we have experienced this spring has been a mixed blessing. While the aquifer system is being fed and wells replenished, the rains have also meant that we have had to deal with a lot of flooding.



At Rapid Service, our technicians have been kept busy installing sump pumps in basements in an effort to reduce current and future damage. After the rains end, we all tend to forget what happened when we had two or three inches of water in our basement so while it's fresh in your mind, why not give us a call to discuss a new sump pump.

When your Anti-Freeze Faucet Leaks

However, if a hose is left attached outside, water remains in the hose, backs up into the faucet plumbing where it expands when frozen and splits the piping.

An anti-freeze water faucet will not protect the pipe if the hose is attached so it is important to detach the hose in the fall before the temperature drops.

Spring and summer are a wonderful time of the year to think about installing an anti-freeze faucet because, as much as we may not like it, winter is just around the corner.

Give us a call to discuss any of your plumbing needs.

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