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Pipes:

To eliminate sweating cold water pipes during the summer months, place foam pipe insulation over the pipes. The tubing keeps the warm humid air from condensing on the cold pipes.

Quick Fix for Leaky Pipes: For a quick fix on copper pipe, small leaks, keep handy an easy repair kit. All that is needed is a hose clamp and a small piece of firm rubber, such as small section of garden hose. Simply insert the rubber around the leak and clamp. It will save you from having to drain the system, until you have more time on your hands. The clamp and rubber section of hose helped me out of a few jams, especially if you don't have copper or solder on hand at the cabin, it could save the weekend! Remember: clamp and rubber, plus screwdriver.

Septic System:

There are a few basic rules for keeping your septic system healthy.

Have the tank pumped and cleaned every 2 to 5 years.

Don't pour ANY solvents, chemicals or oils of ANY kind into the drain or toilet.

Only flush toilet paper down the drain, no other paper or plastic products. Use bleach and other cleaners sparingly.

NEVER dispose of grease, coffee grounds or popcorn in the sink.

Toilets:

Replacing a toilet seat: Using an adjustable wrench you can remove the bolts that hold the toilet seat in place. If the bolts are metal and have corroded, try soaking with penetrating oil overnight. If the bolts will not budge, just saw off with a hacksaw. Coat the new bolts with some petroleum jelly to help in future removal of your toilet seat.

Drains:

Clogs in the Drain: Most drain blockages occur because homeowners put materials into the drain, that should never go there. Often liquid materials are put "down the drain", and then solidify and cause clogging. Remember to just let materials harden, then place in trash, instead of in the drain. Like Oils for example. Do NOT place any kinda of oils down drains, sinks, or toilets.

Drain Odors: Running very hot water through your drains will help keep them free of odors some of the time. About once a week pour a handful of baking soda and hot water down the drain or pour 1 cup of vinegar, let stand 30 minutes and then run some hot water. Keeping all grease, hair, and vegetable matter out of the drain also helps with odors and possible clogging.

To Maintain the garbage disposal:

Do not use commercial drain products.

Use cold water at all times when the disposal is operating.

Grind ice cubes to clean, lemon peels to freshen.

Read your maintenance manual