

# Rosie's Top Ten Tips

A surprisingly large number of plumbing jobs in the home can be easily done without a plumber. So save yourself some money and check out these top tips to resolve the most common problems.

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1. **Stopcock:** Find out where your stopcock is located.
2. **Blocked toilets:** Use a normal mop head as a plunger. Plunge a couple of times and that should solve the problem. Throw the mop head away!
3. **Filling loop:** Always know where your filling loop is to top up the pressure on your boiler. If you don't know, check the boiler manual or ask me the next time I'm around.
4. **Blocked sinks:** When using a plunger, always cover the overflow with your hand!
5. **Problem limescale in your toilet :** Use a large sponge to take out the water from the pan. Then pour a whole bottle of Harpic 100% limescale remover and leave over night. Then scrub any limescale left with a kitchen scourer (wear gloves!) and flush away.
6. **Essential tools to have:** Flat end and Phillips screwdriver | Adjustable spanner | Pair of mole grips (locking pliers)
7. **Noisy extractor fans:** Isolate the electrics to the fan, Hoover the dust out. Do this regularly to prevent the fan seizing up.
8. **Shower head and hose:** Descale regularly to prevent limesale build up on your shower thermostat.
9. **Central heating:** Every 2 years put an 'inhibitor' into your system this will keep the sludge down. This is a liquid you can get from a plumbing supply shop.
10. **Taps:** Most taps have filters on the spout that you can remove with your fingers or an adjustable spanner to remove debris and improve performance.

For everything else, give me a call!

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