

## **Don't Flush Your Savings Away:**

### **Will Home Insurance Cover Plumbing Repairs?**

Did you know that roughly **2 million homeowners in Arizona have homeowners insurance**? While insurance provides peace of mind, understanding exactly what it covers—especially when it comes to plumbing—can be confusing.

At **Local Leaders Plumbing**, we want to help you navigate the gray areas of home insurance coverage, so you know what is—and isn't—covered when plumbing issues arise.

### **Does Your Home Insurance Cover Plumbing Repairs?**

Home insurance coverage can vary significantly between providers and plans. Some policies cover certain types of damage while others may exclude them entirely. For instance, Company ABC may include plumbing emergencies in its standard policy, whereas Company XYZ may require added coverage. Because of these differences, your first step should always be to **review your plan and speak with your insurance agent**. They can clarify what your policy covers and any limitations. In general, **homeowners insurance can cover plumbing issues**, but coverage depends on the type of damage, how it occurred, and your specific plan.

### **What's Commonly Covered**

Insurance is most likely to cover sudden and unexpected damage—that is, problems that occur without warning.

Examples include:

- Burst pipes
- Mechanical failure of plumbing systems
- Hidden leaks that cause sudden damage

Coverage may also extend to emergency situations, such as:

- Flooding caused by burst pipes
- Sewer backups
- Major water damage requiring immediate repair

If you're unsure whether your issue is covered, contact your insurance agent—they can give you a clear answer based on your policy.

## **What's Usually Not Covered**

Homeowners insurance typically **does not cover preventable damage or user-caused issues**. Examples include:

- Damage from neglecting a known leak
- Plumbing problems caused by intentional or careless actions

Filing a claim for preventable damage can even be considered insurance fraud, so it's crucial to understand your responsibility in maintaining your home.

## **Gray Areas: Case-by-Case Coverage**

Some issues may or may not be covered depending on your plan:

**Mold:** Mold caused by plumbing leaks can be tricky. Some policies consider it secondary damage and may not cover it.

**Unknown or hidden damage:** Damage that wasn't immediately visible can be difficult to prove. Documentation and photos can help support a claim.

**Floods:** Coverage depends on the source. Flooding from external sources may require separate flood insurance, while a burst pipe inside your home could fall under your existing plan.

**Outside water damage:** Issues like frozen water mains or sewer backups can be considered external damage and may have limited coverage.

**Appliances:** Pipes connected to washing machines, water heaters, and other appliances may be covered under plumbing coverage—but it varies by policy.

## **Key Takeaways**

- **Coverage varies** widely—always check your specific plan.
- **Sudden or emergency plumbing damage** is most often covered.
- **Preventable or user-caused issues** are rarely covered.
- **Gray areas** like mold, floods, and appliance-related damage may require extra attention.

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At **Local Leaders Plumbing**, we know plumbing issues don't wait for insurance approvals. Whether it's a small leak or a major emergency, our licensed professionals are ready to help. **Contact us today** to schedule a service or inspection for your home's plumbing system.