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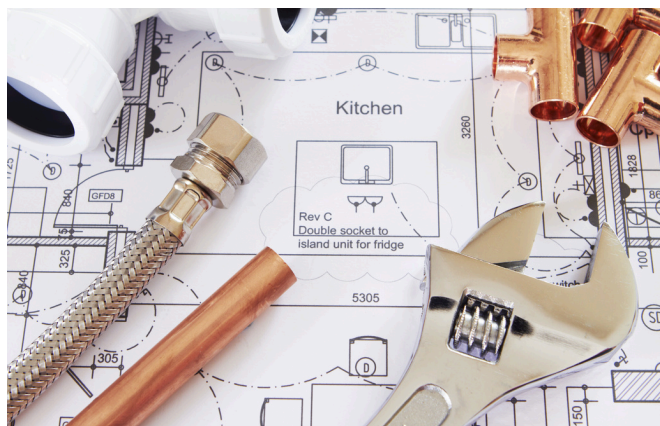
SPRING INTO HOME CARE!

Spring is finally here! it's the perfect time to make sure your home's plumbing and heating systems are still in good shape after a cold winter season. Here are some essential tips to keep your home running smoothly and efficiently this Spring:

- **Check for Leaks:** Winter weather can be tough on pipes. Inspect taps, hoses and under sinks for any signs of leaks or cracks.
- **Clear Your Gutters:** Spring showers are on the way! Ensure your gutters and downpipes are free of debris or blockages to prevent water damage, leaks or mould.
- **Inspect Outdoor Taps and Pipes:** Turn on outdoor taps and check for leaks or low water pressure, which could indicate winter pipe damage.
- **Service Your Heating System:** Schedule a professional tune-up to ensure your systems are safe and working efficiently.
- **Bleed Your Radiators:** Ensure your radiators heat evenly by bleeding any trapped air.
- **Change Air Filters:** Clean filters mean better airflow and efficiency. Swap them out if they're clogged or dirty.
- **Adjust Your Thermostat:** As temperatures rise, set your thermostat for warmer weather and consider upgrading to a programmable model for energy savings.
- **Check Your Stopcock:** Make sure your stopcock turns easily so you can quickly shut off water in case of an emergency.

Fresh Season, Fresh Start: Why Spring is Ideal for Renovations

As the days grow longer and the weather warms up, spring is the perfect season to start home renovations. Many homeowners take advantage of spring to tackle repairs before the busy summer months and with milder temperatures and fewer weather-related delays, contractors can work more efficiently helping projects stay on schedule.



Whether you're planning a kitchen upgrade, a bathroom remodel, or essential plumbing work, now is the time to bring your home improvement plans to life. Pipes, fixtures, and water systems often experience more strain during winter too, making spring the ideal time to check for leaks, upgrade old pipes, or install water-efficient solutions.

If your renovations do involve plumbing, it's crucial to hire a quality approved plumber. These professionals meet industry standards, ensuring that all work is safe, reliable, and up to code. By hiring an APHC Member you are getting a trusted professional which helps to prevent costly mistakes, protects your home and ensures compliance with local regulations, saving you time, money, and hassle in the long run. Just search your postcode using our 'Find an APHC Member' database for approved traders in your area.

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