

Around the House
Plumbing Article #3 – Fun Facts About Plumbing

Headline

Hot Water is Always on the Left, Right?

Subhead

Little known facts about plumbing, and the stories behind them!

Text

Okay, it's time for your morning shower.

But before you step in, you like to get the water temperature just right. So, per usual, you turn on the hot water first, and then adjust the temperature with just the right balance of cold water. And now, that special moment has arrived when you reach out for the right-hand faucet to start that wonderful, soothing stream of hot water!!

Sounds absurd, right? After all...***nobody has their hot water faucet on the right***, for pity's sake. And yet why is it ***always*** on the left, and who was it that made that decision for us?

Glad you should ask...

You see, back in the 19th century, when indoor plumbing was introduced, water was generated by a hand pump. The hand pump had but one trick: producing cold water. And since most people were – and still are -- right-handed, the pump was placed on the right side of the sink.

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Many years later, when instant hot water emerged on the scene, a momentous decision presented itself. *“Now let’s see, where should we place that newfangled faucet? Can’t go on top of the ol’ pump...underneath won’t work neither...guess that leaves only that one empty spot over yonder.”* Yep, you guessed it...just to the left of the cold water faucet.

Has that knowledge improved your life? Nah, we didn’t think it would. So while we’re having a little fun, **here’s one more party conversation topic for you.**

If we’re all so right-handed, why are all toilet flush handles on the left? Are they really? Hmm, let’s take a second look. Actually, from where you sit on the “throne,” toilet handles are again on the right side, just as pull chains were on old style toilets with water tanks.

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