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Extending Your Water Heaters' Life



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Keys to a Healthy (Heart) Mind

- Give to others as often as you can (Of your finances and of your time)
- When others do you wrong, forgive them
- When you make mistakes, forgive yourself

How long do you think that a water heater can normally last? If you treat your water heater like the majority then 10-12 years will be the most you can get out of it. How would you like to get over 50 years of use out of it like one of my customers has?



This water heater was installed in 1951 and as of March of last year was still in use. What is this consumer's secret?

The Problem

Sediment buildup is the #1 cause of tank failure. This homeowner empties a bucket of water weekly in order to prevent sediment buildup inside the tank. While this example may be an extreme case you can extend the life of your water heater.

The Solution

You can empty water from your water heater's drain monthly or quarterly. This releases the sediment buildup at the bottom of the tank thus extending the life of your water heater. You may not get 58 years of use like this homeowner but you can do things that help to extend its life.

Repair or Replace?

Almost all the parts on a water heater can be repaired or replaced except for the tank. If your water heater is close to 10 years old and needs repairing you may want to replace it now. It may be wise to put that money into a new unit BEFORE a potential water burst of the tank. On the other hand, if your water heater is 7 years old or less, it may make better sense to simply repair it.

The 58 Year Secret

The secret to the homeowners long life of her water heater was that she drains about a gallon of water from the tank every week.

Plumbing Repair

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- Faucets
- Toilets
- Sinks
- Disposals
- Lawn Sprinklers



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Saving TIME or Saving MONEY?

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The best situation would be to be able to save both time and money, but so often we must make a choice of one or the other. Why? Because quality costs money to produce. Going for the cheapest will often cost more in the long run. Buying the most expensive is rarely wise

either. Somewhere in the middle usually brings the best value.

How Much is My Time Worth?

How much per hour is my time worth? \$20 per hour? \$50? \$75? If it takes several trips to Lowes and several hours to fix a home repair but it only takes a professional 1 hour to complete it what have I saved?

Do I Enjoy It?

I hate working on my car; therefore I will always take my car and truck to a mechanic. I value my time to do things that I enjoy doing. Life is too short to do otherwise.

What value do you put on your time?

