

WAYS TO AVOID THE MOST EXPENSIVE PLUMBING REPAIRS

Here are the three most expensive plumbing repair projects and how they can range in cost.

1

REPAIRING SLAB LEAKS

Your home has pipes that run under the foundation of your home. These copper pipes may develop holes, cracks, or other leaks due to age or the ground shifting.

What will this cost?

\$500

LOW

Cost of repairing a relatively easy-to-access slab leak.

\$2250

AVERAGE

Cost of repairing a difficult-to-access slab leak.

\$4000

HIGH

Cost of repairing multiple slab leaks in different locations.



What are some factors that might escalate your costs?

Your total costs may also need to include leak detection services to pinpoint the exact location of the leak.

How can you avoid needing this repair?

REDUCE WATER PRESSURE:



High water pressure puts additional stress on your pipes.

SOFTEN YOUR WATER:



Hard water can cause scale to build up in copper pipes over time.

AVOID DRAIN CLEANERS:



Harsh chemicals can negatively impact pipes. Call a plumber, instead.

2

FIXING YOUR SEWER LINE

Your home's sewer line carries wastewater away from your home. However, leaks and clogs can develop over time.

What will this cost?

\$500

LOW

Cost of digging up and repairing the line with no complications.

\$2500

AVERAGE

Cost of digging up the line, making repairs, and removing tree roots.

\$4500

HIGH

Cost of replacing the line entirely with a new one.

What are some factors that might escalate your costs?

If the leak was caused by a nearby tree roots, the roots and the tree itself will need to be dug up and relocated. This can add significantly to project costs.

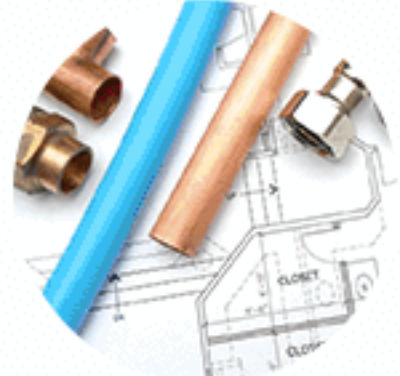


How can you avoid needing this repair?



Treat your pipes right:

Avoid putting grease, oils, and non-organic waste down your sink drain. These can form clogs.



Move trees as a precaution:

Form a ten-foot perimeter around your sewer line by moving nearby trees and bushes to other parts of your property.



Schedule yearly inspection:

Have a plumber out to your home for a sewer line inspection that uses an endoscopic camera tool.

3

PIPE LEAKS

Whether caused by your pipes freezing and then bursting or the house settling, a water leak is bad news for your home.

What will this cost?

\$250

LOW

Cost of fixing the leak with no water damage.

\$2500

AVERAGE

Cost of fixing the leak and repairing water damage

\$5000

HIGH

Cost of fixing of the leak and water damage, mold remediation.

How can you avoid needing this repair?



Insulate your pipes:

To prevent pipes from freezing during the winter, add insulation to those in exterior walls.



Act with urgency:

At the first sign of a leak, limit water damage by shutting off the water supply and calling a plumber.



Watch your water heater:

Many home flooding events are caused by water heater tank bursts. Schedule annual water heater maintenance.

Get Multiple Quotes

Whenever you need plumbing services, be sure to call several qualified plumbers in your area to get quotes. This will help you determine what the average cost of that particular service is in your community.

