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Don't Flush Your Money Down the Drain This Holiday Season

WACO, Texas (Dec. 11, 2008) – As shoppers cut back on holiday spending, homeowners should plan ahead for extra guests and get-togethers so they don't flush their money down the drain.

Whether it's having family over for the holidays or hosting a festive party, the kitchen and bathrooms will be busier than usual. To save the cost and inconvenience of a plumbing emergency, Mr. Rooter® service professionals recommend homeowners pay special attention to their plumbing.

"With the extra food, family and friends, you can easily forget about the stress it puts on your plumbing," said Mary Kennedy Thompson, president of Mr. Rooter Corporation. "We have some advice that will help keep a backed-up drain from ruining your holiday plans."

To properly operate a garbage disposal, turn on the water, then turn on the disposal and feed the waste gradually. Keep the water on while using the disposal. Leave the water on for a short period after the disposal is turned off.

Follow these steps to keep your plumbing system off of Santa's naughty list.

In the kitchen:

- Avoid pouring grease down the drain.
- Throw large scraps of food in the trash or compost pile.
- Don't put turkey bones and skin, potato peels and celery down the garbage disposal.
- Wipe greasy pans and plates with a paper towel before washing them.
- Rinse off dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.
- Don't overload the garbage disposal.
- Turn the disposal power off and press the re-set button (if available) under the sink when the disposal stops abruptly while in use.

In the bathroom:

- Wait ten minutes between showers.
- Avoid flushing items that don't break down easily: cotton balls, paper towels, facial tissue and sanitary products.
- Know how to use the water shut-off valve under the tank in case of an emergency.
- Remove small objects from the top of the toilet tank that could fall in, causing it to clog.

If one of these disasters intrudes on your celebrations, contact your local *Mr. Rooter* shop to put the happy back into the holidays.

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