

# SMJ Plumbing Sheds Light on Humidity-Related Plumbing Issues in New Orleans Homes

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, UNITED STATES, November 24, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SMJ Plumbing today highlighted a frequently overlooked issue that many New Orleans residents face – the effect of high humidity levels on indoor plumbing systems. The company has observed that prolonged exposure to high humidity can lead to a host of plumbing problems in homes, from accelerated pipe corrosion to mold growth that can affect water quality and homeowner health.

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create conditions that compromise the longevity and functionality of our indoor plumbing systems."

Understanding the Effects of Humidity



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The pervasive humidity in New Orleans can lead to condensation on pipes and fixtures, which over time may result in corrosion, leaks, and deterioration of plumbing infrastructure. This moisture can also contribute to the growth of mold and mildew in and around plumbing fixtures, which poses health risks and can lead to costly remediation if not addressed promptly.

Mitigating Moisture: SMJ Plumbing's Proactive Approach

SMJ Plumbing emphasizes the importance of regular inspections and maintenance to mitigate these risks. The company advocates for a proactive approach to plumbing care, encouraging residents to look out for signs of excessive condensation, mold growth, or musty odors that could indicate elevated humidity levels are affecting their plumbing systems.

### Insulation as a Key Strategy

One of the primary recommendations by SMJ Plumbing is the proper insulation of pipes. Insulating pipes not only prevents condensation but also enhances the overall efficiency of the plumbing system. This measure is particularly important in spaces like basements and attics, where temperature fluctuations can be more pronounced and lead to increased condensation.

### Ventilation Improvements

Improving ventilation in areas such as bathrooms and kitchens is critical to controlling humidity levels in New Orleans homes. SMJ Plumbing advises installing high-quality vent fans and ensuring they are used regularly, especially after showers or while cooking, to help mitigate the accumulation of moisture.

## Maintaining Indoor Air Quality

High humidity levels can impact indoor air quality by promoting the growth of mold and mildew, which thrive in moist environments. Regularly servicing HVAC systems, using dehumidifiers, and ensuring proper air circulation are all practices SMJ Plumbing recommends to maintain healthy indoor air quality and protect plumbing systems.

## Collaboration with HVAC Specialists

Recognizing that plumbing and HVAC systems are interrelated, especially in the context of humidity management, SMJ Plumbing often collaborates with HVAC specialists to provide comprehensive solutions that address the climate control needs of New Orleans homes.

## The Role of Modern Plumbing Fixtures

SMJ Plumbing also notes that modern plumbing fixtures are designed to better withstand humid environments. The company highlights fixtures with anti-corrosive and mold-resistant properties as beneficial for New Orleans residents, helping to extend the life of their plumbing systems.

## **Educating Homeowners**

A significant part of SMJ Plumbing's mission is to educate homeowners about the impact of humidity on their plumbing. "We aim to empower residents with knowledge so they can better protect their homes against the subtropical climate of our city," says Stephen Jordan.

## Community Engagement

SMJ Plumbing is actively engaging with the New Orleans community through workshops and informational sessions to spread awareness about the effects of humidity on indoor plumbing and the best practices for prevention and maintenance.

## Looking to the Future

As New Orleans continues to thrive, the need for tailored plumbing solutions that consider the local climate remains critical. SMJ Plumbing is committed to leading the charge in this area, ensuring that New Orleans' residents can continue to enjoy the unique charm of their city without the added worry of humidity-related plumbing issues.

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