



World Plumbing Day

March 11 every year...everywhere



On the first World Plumbing Day in 2010, activities included:

- Presentations about plumbing and health to schoolchildren in Scotland, USA and India.
- Street theatre with a plumbing theme in India.
- Industry events in Australia, New Zealand, China, India and the UK.
- A parliamentary motion in the Scottish Parliament drawing attention to the role of the industry.
- TV, radio, newspaper and online coverage in many countries.

World Plumbing Day on 11 March 2011 promises to be bigger and better than the first day in 2010 and industry bodies throughout the world are actively engaged in organising activities which will help people to realise that **PLUMBING** is **VITAL TO GLOBAL HEALTH**.



PLUMBING-VITAL TO GLOBAL HEALTH

Many people in developed countries throughout the world take plumbing for granted. They simply turn on a tap or faucet and obtain clean water. Flushing toilets are standard in many countries. However, little thought is given to the engineering expertise provided by plumbers which ensures that these systems operate as intended. Equally, few people appreciate the consequences of bad plumbing systems.

In developing countries, on the other hand, plumbing is either non-existent or at best very basic. People suffer serious health consequences, and millions of people die as a result of lack of access to clean water and lack of access to effective sanitation.

According to the World Health Organisation:

1.1 billion people do not have access to safe water supplies.

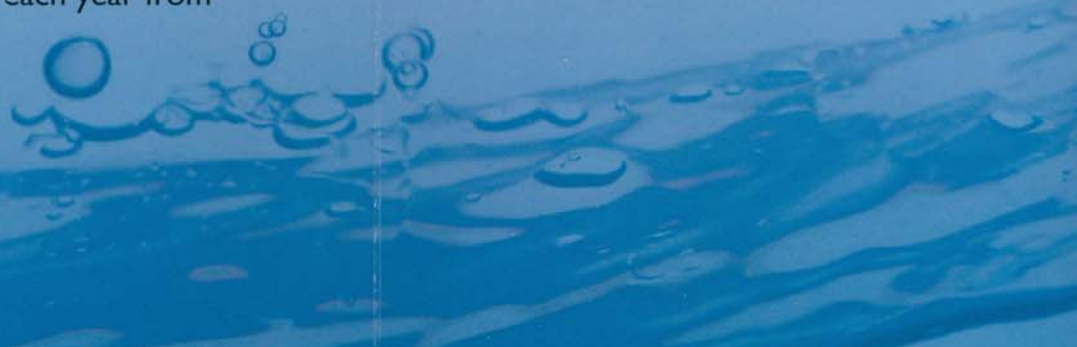
2.6 billion people do not have access to improved sanitation

3.1 million children die each year from water related diseases.

EFFECTIVE PLUMBING SYSTEMS WOULD IMPROVE ALL OF THESE STATISTICS

Plumbing deserves to be respected and for that reason, the World Plumbing Council (established in 1990 and recognised as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in official relations with the World Health Organisation) has created World Plumbing Day (on 11 March each year) as a means of highlighting the important role played by today's plumbing industry.

On World Plumbing Day, plumbing industry representatives from across the globe are encouraged to do something which draws attention to the role played by the industry.



Energy

Turning your heating or air conditioning down just a few degrees can save considerable energy.

Prevent heat loss by insulating your water heater and pipes.

Environment

Reduce your greenhouse gas emissions by installing a solar hot water heater.

Health

Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a water related disease.

At any given time, half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from water-related diseases.

Water

Using a broom instead of a garden hose to clean your driveway will save 13 gallons every minute you clean.

Putting food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl, without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save 1,000 gallons a month.

Use a hose nozzle while you wash your car. You will save up to 100 gallons every time!



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