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# TAYLOR *Topics*

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## TIME TO CELEBRATE

During the year of 2004, Taylor Plumbing will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> year in the plumbing business. This milestone can only be attributed to hard work, loyal employees and satisfied customers.

T. C. Taylor immigrated to America, along with his trade, from England at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. He started a one-man shop in 1914 that since has grown to be one of the largest and most respected service companies in the metropolitan area.

We all look forward to continued success and growth of our business.

## THE BLUE GOO STORY

Using those blue drop-in tablets in a 1.6 GPF (gallon per flush) toilet will slow the flush badly enough to where the water will build up to the rim and just swirl around.

If the tablet is placed just right in the tank, the water will hit it hard enough to over saturate the blue stuff. It now is "Blue Goo".

When this happens, the water becomes "thick and heavy". The trap in the toilet was designed to have clean clear water running over it at a calculated speed. The blue stuff gets thick enough to slow the water rushing over the trap thus causing the siphon action to never fully develop. Do a web search for Toiletology 101 for further interesting facts.

## BE A LEAK DETECTIVE

One of the first indications of a water leak is an excessive increase in your monthly water bill.

To identify a leak, start monitoring the water meter. Write down the meter reading and the position of the sweep hand. Don't use any water for a least a two hour period. At the end of that time, read the meter again. If the second reading is different from the first, water has flowed through the meter

Now the challenge is to find the leak. The toilets, urinals and faucets should be checked first. A leaking tank-type toilet can easily cost \$20.00 a month and can waste about 6,000 gallons of water a year.

To test a toilet, put enough coloring in the tank to color the water. If the water in the bowl shows the coloring, there is a leak that will need to be repaired

"Long flushes" on flushometers type fixtures are also a water waster. Other appurtenances that should be investigated are water softeners, irrigation systems and automatic fill devices.

Once the source of the leak is discovered, repair it. Every day it continues, valuable water and money are wasted.....right down the drain.

## FACTOID

A human can live more than a month without food, but only about one week without water.