

Bathroom Tips

§ Design tips on ventilation

- § All windows to be kept open when the room is not in use, to allow free movement of fresh air, to counter the stable odour which any bathroom is likely to generate.
 - § Provide adjustable frosted glass louvres for the ventilators.
 - § Besides odour, steam is likely to be another concern. It can create fungus and dampen clothes, towels and wall paper. An exhaust fan placed closer to the closet bath area will serve the purpose.
 - § Besides the exhaust fan, use of deodorants will keep the room smelling fresh. Provide deodorant fixtures, instead of putting the deodorants over the counter and close tank.
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Beware Of The Bacteria

The most common diseases that people contract from unsanitised bathrooms and toilets are diarrhoea, dysentery and water borne diseases

To name a few:

Cholera, Typhoid, Shigella, Polio, Meningitis, and Hepatitis A and E.

What can you do to keep your bathroom disease free and spotless? Here are some tips.

- Bathroom surfaces, such as faucet handles and toilet seats, should be washed and disinfected several times a day, if possible, but at least once a day or when soiled.
 - The bleach and water solution or chlorine-containing scouring powders or other commercial bathroom surface cleaners/disinfectants can be used in these areas.
 - Surfaces that infants and young toddlers are likely to touch or mouth, such as crib rails, should be washed with soap and water and disinfected with a non-toxic disinfectant, such as bleach solution, at least once every day, more often if visibly soiled.
 - After the surface has been drenched or soaked with the disinfectant for at least 10 minutes, surfaces likely to be mouthed should be thoroughly wiped with a fresh towel moistened with tap water.
 - Be sure not to use a toxic cleaner on surfaces likely to be mouthed. Floors, low shelves, door knobs, and other surfaces often touched by children wearing diapers should be washed and disinfected at least once a day and whenever soiled.
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Electrical Safety In Bathrooms

Tips to keep your bathroom a safe place:

- Keep all electrical appliances out of the bathroom if your child is less than a year old.
- Never use space heater in bathroom.
- Avoid using portable electrical appliances (e.g. hairdryers, electric heaters, etc.) in bathrooms, except those designed to operate from shaver supply units (e.g. electric shavers and electric toothbrushes).
- Avoid touching any electrical appliances, socket outlets or switches if hands are wet.

- Avoid placing extension units in a wet or humid environment (e.g. inside the bathroom or kitchen).
- Avoid using adaptors and extension units together.

Special tips for the water heater:

- Employ only registered electrical contractors/licensed plumbers for the installation and alteration of electric water heaters including associated pipework and control valves.
- Ensure that unvented thermal storage type electric water heaters are installed with safety devices such as thermostat, thermal cut-out, and temperature and pressure relief valves.
- Switch off electric water heaters after use.
- Arrange to have electric water heaters inspected and maintained regularly by qualified persons.
- Switch off an electric water heater immediately if steam is emitting abnormally from the shower or any vent outlets.
- Arrange for repairs by qualified persons.

Special tips for the washer/dryer:

- Do not connect other appliances to the socket outlet supplying a washer/dryer.
- Avoid placing a washer/dryer next to a shower, a water basin or an open window to prevent the machine from being exposed to water. Allow sufficient space for heat dissipation.
- Do not place any vessel containing water on a washer/dryer.
- Do not exceed the maximum capacity and adhere to the temperature setting and drying time as instructed in the user manual.
- Do not tumble dry clothes containing downs, latex, rubber or wax, etc. to minimise the risk of fire. Do not obstruct the outlet vent of a dryer, and clean its air filter regularly.
- Stop using a washer/dryer if abnormal operating conditions occur, such as being too noisy, having strong vibration or signs of overheating.
- Arrange for repairs by qualified persons. Arrange for regular inspection and maintenance of washers/dryers by qualified persons.