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Water Heaters have many Critical Components...but None More Critical than the Temperature Relief Valve. Now, Learn How to Prevent a Tank Explosion in Your Home.

If you search the internet, you'll find conflicting stories about whether hot water heaters really are susceptible to explosion. And like any debatable topic, you have opinions at opposition extremes: "Impossible!" say the naysayers and "Duck!" say the alarmists.

Well, at Your 1 Plumber, we say this: **however rare the occurrence, water heaters can explode.**

But with proper and regular maintenance, you and your family can check that off your "things to worry about" list.

Temperature and Pressure Relief Valves

To insure their safe operation, water heaters must be installed with temperature and pressure relief valves. A T&P relief valve is a two-in-one safety device, which, as its name implies, responds both to excessive temperature and to excessive pressure in a water heater.

When the temperature gets too hot, the thermostat expands. When that happens, the disc inside the thermostat is lifted off its seat to discharge the overheated water. Then, cooler water enters the tank to moderate the water temperature.



Green & Healthy Living Tips

Dry-Brush Your Teeth.

Before squeezing toothpaste onto your brush, take 30 seconds to brush your teeth with a dry toothbrush. Doing so cuts tartar by 60 percent and also reduces the risk of bleeding gums by half.

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The valve also responds to excessive pressure by discharging water to prevent a further increase of pressure. If a T&P valve is dripping, it's usually a sign of thermal expansion which can prevent the valve from closing tightly.

When water is heated in a closed system, it expands (hence, "thermal expansion") and causes an increase in pressure. When the system is opened, pressure will return to normal, and the relief valve should stop dripping. In Maryland, all water heaters must have an attached thermal expansion tank to help keep system pressures from reaching critical limits.

How to Maintain Safe Operation

At Your 1 Plumber, there are two primary services we offer that help ensure the safe operation of your water heater.

First, we conduct comprehensive water heater tune-ups and safety inspections. In the process, we make sure that your T&P valve and thermal expansion tank are both working properly. At the same time, we check for possible gas and CO (carbon monoxide) leaks.

Next, we can install an **automatic gas-shutoff valve that stops the flow of gas if the ground moves or if gas flow increases dramatically.**



Save now with Your 1 Plumber

Today, we invite you to schedule a water heater tune-up and safety inspection and **pay just \$89 with the coupon on page 3 of this newsletter.** After all, prevention is still the best medicine.

Sincerely,

William Kirkorian
President

Amazing Fact

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds; dogs only have about ten.

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Our Favorite Recipes

Plain Caramel Apples

"A classic recipe perfect for Halloween and Fall entertaining."

Servings 6



Ingredients:

- 6 Granny Smith apples
- 6 wooden sticks
- 1 (14 ounce) package individually wrapped caramels, unwrapped
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

- 1.** Insert wooden sticks 3/4 of the way into the stem end of each apple. Place apples on a cookie sheet covered with lightly greased aluminum foil.
- 2.** Combine caramels and water in a saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring often, until caramel melts and is smooth. Stir in vanilla extract. Dip each apple into

the caramel and gently run apples around insides of saucepan to scrape off some of the caramel. Scrape excess caramel from the apple bottoms using the side of the saucepan. Place on the aluminum foil and chill until ready to serve.

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You Gotta Laugh

"If you read a lot of books you are considered well read. But if you watch a lot of TV, you're not considered well viewed." *Lily Tomlin*



Water Heater Inspection

Pay Just **\$89**

...for a water heater tune-up and safety inspection by Your 1 Plumber. Only one (1) coupon per service address will be accepted. Coupon must be presented at the time of service. This offer is valid through October 31, 2012 and may not be combined with any other offer or minimum service fee.

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