

About the author



From the Desk of Paul Webb

Paul Webb has been in the Health and Fitness repair business for over thirty years. He has been actively serving his customers on-line since 1995. Paul has several websites dedicated to Health and Fitness and DIY repairs.

When Paul is not busy creating new products he is spending time with his wife Linda helping raise his ten year old great-great-niece.

Some of Paul's sites are:

- [Seniors Health Information](#)
- [Request Reviews](#)
- [Water Leak Repairs](#)
- [The Treadmill Report](#)
- [Saul To Paul](#)

The Treadmill Repair Report alone, has helped thousands of people repair their treadmills.

Have you ever gotten up and stepped in the closet to get your clothes and the floor was soaked?

I have and it wasn't fun, I was up at 4:30 to go fishing and the last thing I expected to do that day was repair a water leak. Not only did I not get to go fishing but I spent most of the day removing the laminate flooring, drying the concrete and finding and repairing the pinhole leak in the wall behind the bathroom sink.

In Florida where I live in a twenty five year old house pinhole leaks are very common. if you haven't had one yet you probably will. I have been hearing of folks with two and three year old homes having these problems also. I guess with prices high the contractors are cutting corners, and not using the best practices.

What other are saying...

Hi ,

I have used your tips and I must say that I am very impressed and very grateful for the information.

I am on social security and couldn't afford a plumber so I had my son come over and fix the leak with the information you provided. Thanks again, I will recommend you to my friends.

Elsie

Pennsylvania

I know that with the economy tough right now, we need to save every penny we can. If I can save you \$40.00 to \$75.00 on a repair bill then I am happy. Of course you may have a more serious problem and will need a plumber, but if it's only a small pinhole then you can probably stop the leak yourself.



Save Money on repairs



Stop the leak immediately and save your flooring and water.



Doing it yourself always gives you satisfaction



Less than lunch at your favorite fast food restaurant

These simple instructions can not only save you money and time, but will also give you the satisfaction that you fixed the problem yourself.



How To Repair Your Pinhole Leak

Repairing pinhole leaks in copper piping is not as hard as you may think. First you need to find and isolate the leak, and turn the water off to the house, either at the valve where it comes in or at the water meter by the street.

If you turn it off at the house then open the hose bib that is usually located just above the water shut off. This will relieve any pressure from the internal pipes, and the leak should stop dripping.

The next thing you need is to get the parts to stop the leak. If it is a pinhole leak, all you need is a small piece of soft rubber, and a pipe clamp.

If YOU do not feel comfortable doing this then please call a plumber!

Try to find a clamp that is close to the size of the pipe. You can usually find these at the local hardware or auto parts store. Make sure the rubber is soft so it will close the leak when you tighten the clamp.

I keep the old flapper valves for this purpose. Below are a couple pictures of the clamps and the rubber flapper valves I use.



Different size clamps for different size pipes. The clamp has to be big enough to go around the pipe and the rubber.



As you can see I have cut a piece of the rubber and placed it in the clamp to show you how it fits. Of course you will have to loosen the clamp all the way so you can get it around the pipe. Then place the rubber over the hole and close the clamp and start to tighten it. I try to align the screw over the place where the hole is to get a tighter fit.

REMEMBER DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN THE CLAMP!

If the leak is in a ninety degree joint then find a small piece of metal shaped like an **L**, place the rubber over the hole and then the **L** shaped piece. Put a clamp around the pipe and the metal on both sides of the joint and tighten slowly. You may add another clamp around the bend just to give added strength.

Do NOT over tighten the clamp/s or you may crush the pipe and have a bigger leak. Believe me I have done this.

Place the rubber over the hole and secure the clamp. When you think you have it tight enough turn the water back on and check the leak. If it has stopped dripping then you are done and you are now a plumber.

If not slowly tighten the clamp until the leak stops. Remember **DO NOT** over tighten the clamp. In this case a little is better than too much. The pipe is already weak or it would not be leaking, so tighten gently. Hopefully this will be the last leak you will have, but chances are it will not be.

If you live in Florida where I live I can almost guarantee you that you will have more.

But you now know how to repair above the slab pinhole leaks.

Please visit the website for more.

[Waterleak Repairs](#)