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The Official List of Pop Murphy's Laws of Plumbing (PMLP)



Numero Uno—No matter how small the job, you will be missing one part—but only when the hardware store is closed.

#2. The thought, “Just one more twist,” instantly produces a cracked pipe or leaky thread.

#3. Whenever a job calls for two pipe wrenches, only one is to be found.

#4. Leaks will always wait for the most inopportune times—like just after you've put on your tux.

#5. When you drop a threaded metal pipe, the pipe always manages to turn around in midair and land directly on the threads—damaging them beyond use.

#6. With any part that has an arrow clearly marking the direction of the flow of water, you will install it backwards at least once.

#7. Even though you know PVC glue is toxic and should not touch skin, you will decide to “skip the gloves just this once and be extra careful.” Before you finish the word “careful,” a dribble of glue will already be drying on your ungloved hand.

#8. Pipe dope is the only correctly named plumbing part.

#9. When a plastic pipe breaks, it will always break where the threads meet an expensive fitting so that the fitting is rendered useless.

#10. Pipes are just the *Titanic* and water turned inside out. [Think about it!]

#11. Be forewarned: Pop Murphy is, at this very moment, perfecting a gopher capable of gnawing through plastic PVC pipe; metal-chewing gophers will take a bit longer.

#12. Pop Murphy was temporarily diverted from plumbing devices with consulting on the start-up of numerous wars. But now that he has trained the Pentagon in all his best management techniques, he has returned to designing the all-digital, all-confusing, microchipped, maxi-priced irrigation-controlling devices.