

ASK THE EXPERT:

****Attention all readers!!!! If you have a plumbing or heating question, please call our office! We may use your question in the paper! ****

Q Putting in a 2nd bathroom vanity in 2 years - not happy. I fired my other plumber - my husband - and want help from you on preventing this a 3rd time. First time the leaking was hidden by all of our crap under the sink. Learned to minimize crap stored here. This time the leak was in the back and mold was discovered with a swipe of a towel during my monthly deep cleaning. Bottom was already rotten and ruined. Help please.

- From, Linda and husband

A Linda, I'm sorry about this but laughed reading it. Here is my idea since you mentioned "monthly" cleaning. Just add a couple of easy things to that routine. Open cabinet doors beneath ALL your sinks and shine a flashlight in looking for: puddles or dampness under pipes or on the base; discoloration, bubbling, or peeling of the surface; and white or green crusty buildup on pipe joints or valves. Run hot and cold water in the sinks and watch the pipes and trap underneath while it drains. Rub your fingers around the joints to make sure nothing is wet. If you feel water, you have a leak to look for. Clear out under the vanity and put down some cardboard or paper towel for a few hours and come back and check for new water spots. We can help you from here. Good luck to you and to that fired plumber. We are your one stop shop Linda (and husband).
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