

PLUMBING TERMINOLOGY

AERATOR - A device screwed onto the end of the faucet spout that mixes air into flowing water and controls the flow to reduce splashing.

NIPPLE - There are black and Galvanized nipples. Short length of pipe installed between couplings or other fittings. They are threaded.

BALLCOCK - A ballcock works with a valve connected to a float by a lever. The valve is connected to the water supply. The float rises as water comes in; when the water reaches a predetermined level, the mechanism forces the lever to close the valve and stop the water flow. Invented in the 1700's in Mexico.

MALE FITTING - fitting that has threads or is coupled on the outside.

FEMALE FITTING - fitting that has threads or is coupled on the inside.

MATING - inserting the male end of a fitting into the female end of another

COCK HOLE COVER - a round plate used to cover unused faucet holes on the deck of your sink

PET COCK – a small shut-off valve used to control the flow of liquid.

WATER CLOSET - why do plumbers call toilets closet? Because back when my Great Great Grandfather started installing plumbing in people's homes the easiest and most private space was in the closet. Thus, your closet became your water closet.