

WOODBIDGE PARKWAY MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

**Please be aware of this possible
PLUMBING ISSUE**

Our Association has been blessed with extraordinarily high water pressure in our systems. While this is great for taking a shower on the second floor, recently, in at least two occasions, the high water pressure has been the source of extreme damage to the buildings and contents. In both cases, the high water pressure caused the water line from the wall to the toilet to separate at the connection, resulting in extensive flooding. Again, in both cases, the water feed was connected to the angle stop (wall valve) by a compression fitting and a plastic screw-type fitting. The residents of both units were forced to move out for a lengthy period, and the flooding also affected their neighbors' units.

To make every effort to prevent the flooding of your home, we encourage every resident to check your feed lines between the wall and your toilets and between the wall and your sinks, to make sure you do not have compression fittings. If you do have compression fittings, or if you have plastic screw-type fittings on your supply lines, we strongly recommend replacing them with a metal screw-type fitting, which will tolerate much more water pressure and will not have a tendency to blow off if there is a surge in the water lines.

If you do not feel you can perform this work yourself, you should hire a plumber to check your fittings and make the appropriate replacements. Both the angle stop and the water feed line will have to be changed. This will only have to be done on the cold water lines, as your hot water lines pass through your water heater and are not affected in the same way.

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