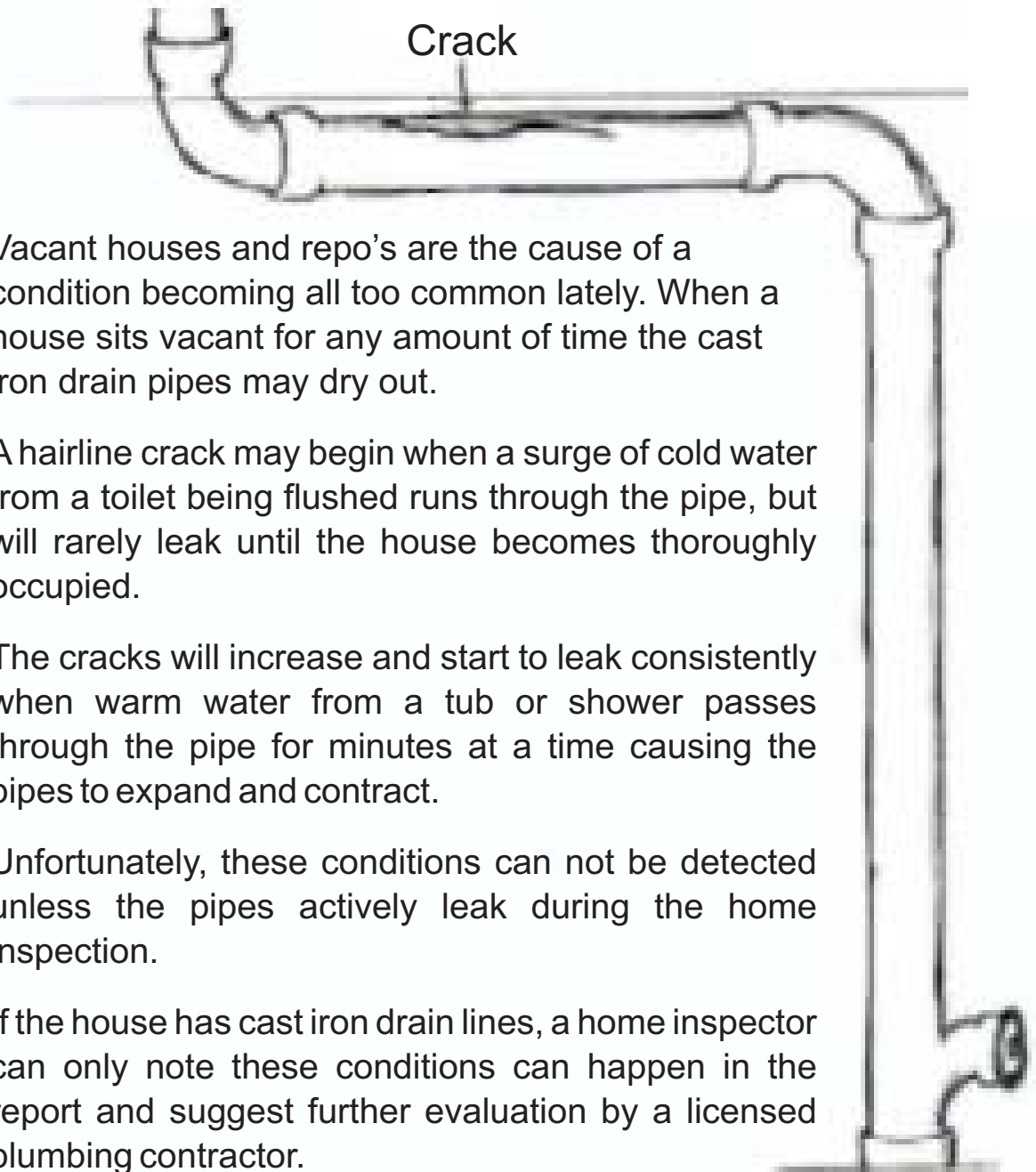




Tip Of The WEEK

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Cast Iron Drain Lines



Vacant houses and repo's are the cause of a condition becoming all too common lately. When a house sits vacant for any amount of time the cast iron drain pipes may dry out.

A hairline crack may begin when a surge of cold water from a toilet being flushed runs through the pipe, but will rarely leak until the house becomes thoroughly occupied.

The cracks will increase and start to leak consistently when warm water from a tub or shower passes through the pipe for minutes at a time causing the pipes to expand and contract.

Unfortunately, these conditions can not be detected unless the pipes actively leak during the home inspection.

If the house has cast iron drain lines, a home inspector can only note these conditions can happen in the report and suggest further evaluation by a licensed plumbing contractor.



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