Interview: Sarah Johnson

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1. How did you decide to become a plumber?

*My older brother became a plumber, and he really enjoyed the work. He let me join him on some jobs, and I loved it.*

1. What kind of education and training did you need to become a plumber?

*I did very well in math and science and got my high school diploma. Since plumbing uses math and science, it made sense to me. Then, I went to technical classes at a local community college to learn more. Then, I apprenticed with my brother. After a few years, I took a test and became a journeyman plumber. I am now working toward becoming a master plumber, like my brother.*

1. What do you do during a typical day?

*I wake up around 5:30 and start servicing clients. I visit 4-5 homes per day. I take a break for lunch. I finish around 5 most days, but sometimes later.*

1. Who decides your schedule?

*My brother is the boss, so he does.*

1. What do you find hardest about being a plumber?

*Some clients are hard to please, but I know plumbing can take time and be expensive.*

1. What do you like most about being a plumber?

*I like using my hands and feeling satisfied when I complete a job.*

1. What other careers could you pursue within the field of plumbing?

*We focus on home repairs and installations, but others in the plumbing field work with bigger pipe systems or sprinklers. Some lay pipes for sewers, fuel lines, etc.*

1. What advice would you give someone who wants to become a plumber?

*Make sure you enjoy working hard and getting wet! Keep learning even after you get a job.*