

Around the House

Plumbing Article #7 – Caring for Your Faucets

Headline

Be Good to Your Faucets, and They'll Be Good to You!

Subhead

Now, learn how to make your faucets last longer, and how to save huge amounts of water in the process.

Text

A faucet is something you turn on and off. Turn it on, you get water. Turn it off, the flow of water stops.

Alas, if only it were that simple. Because faucets, bless their little hearts, have moving parts, and **anything with moving parts is prone to need repair**...maybe later than sooner, but there's no avoiding it.

So what can you do to extend the life of your faucets? Actually, quite a bit:

- **Treat them gently**...when turning water on and off, use normal hand pressure only;
- **Clean your chrome faucets and fittings with a soft cloth** moistened with vinegar, rubbing alcohol or glass cleaner;
- For lacquered brass faucets, use a mild detergent...**for un-lacquered brass faucets, brass cream** will do the job nicely;
- If the brass lacquer coating on your faucets gets scratched, **you can prevent tarnishing by coating the scratch with clear nail polish**;
- Lemon rind works wonders with tarnished brass or copper;
- Older steel faucets and fittings can be scrubbed clean with a mild scouring powder.

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Eventually, preventive medicine alone won't stop the dripping. In fact, a faucet that drips, on average, one drop of water per second **can waste up to 100 gallons of water in just a week.**

Before buying a replacement faucet, the professionals at (company name) suggest you first try replacing the washer. But this time, **leave those rubber washers on the hardware store shelf and purchase a supply of ceramic disc valving**, instead. These offer a lifetime of drip-free performance, which saves you money on maintenance *and* water.

Of course, faucets do eventually call it quits, great washers or not. Or, you might simply want a different look in your kitchen or bath. In that case, **we suggest you buy faucets with aerated flow restrictors** which incorporate air into the water stream. The result is a bubbling flow that provides excellent rinsing action while reducing water usage.

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Leaky faucets can be a real drip.
Learn how to make *your* faucets last longer.

Plus...

3 Coupons You Can Use Now!