

# SAVE WATER, SAVE MONEY

## Replacing Your Faucet Aerator

An aerator can be found in the end of most household faucets. Aerators use tiny metal screens to add air bubbles to the tap water, saving you water and money.



Your aerator may need replacing if water flows slowly from your faucet or from only one side of the spout.

Aerators cost \$5 to \$10 each and are easy to replace.

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### You will need:

- Pliers or adjustable wrench
- New aerator
- Two small cloths

#### Step 1:

Identify your aerator type and get a new one. Aerators have outside (male) or inside (female) threads and come in different sizes.

#### Step 2:

Place a cloth over the drain to keep debris out.

#### Step 3:

Wrap a cloth around aerator and use pliers or wrench to remove by turning counterclockwise. Note: An inexpensive aerator key is needed to remove "hidden" aerators inside the faucet opening.

#### Step 4:

Using fingers, remove rubber washer if stuck.

#### Step 5:

Install new aerator by threading it clockwise. Use pliers or wrench to gently tighten.

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