

## How to Fix A Leaky Faucet



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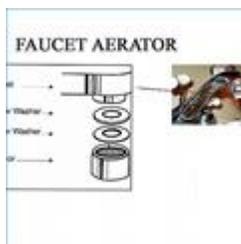
Leaky faucets can drive a person mad, however I have good news, repairing a leaky faucet doesn't take a rocket scientist nor does it take an advanced degree in hydrology.

In this case I'm going to discuss the most common types of faucets and how to fix them. Depending on the type of faucet you have will determine how you fix the leak. Generally faucets are used often so they leak for the same reason , Worn out parts. Luckily replacing those parts are easy. Each faucet will have an exploded view of how the parts should be put together just click on the image and you can see how it's taken apart and reassembled. **JUST MAKE SURE TO TURN OFF THE WATER MAIN BELOW THE SINK BEFORE YOU START TAKING THINGS APART.**

Difficulty: Moderately Easy

Instructions

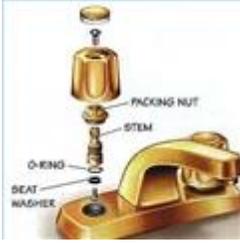
### 1. Step 1



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If you've determined that the leak is not at the base but at the tip of the spout. This interesting little part is called an aerator. With wear and tear, minerals can build up here and corrode the washer or there just might be a crack in the aerator itself. Best bet just replace the darn thing it's cheap and easy. If it is at the base, depending on the type of faucet you have will determine how you fix this problem.

### 2. Step 2



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The first type of faucet is your compression faucets these are notorious for leaking when the O rings or washers go bad. Just replace the O ring and your leak should be gone.

### 3. Step 3



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The second type is your ball type and cartridge type faucets which generally don't have any washers and tend not to leak as much, however they do have O rings that can cause problems when they go bad, rule of thumb with these faucets replace the O rings and you should be good.

### 4. Step 4

As you can see faucets all leak for basically the same reason. With a little bit of know how and some elbow grease a leaky faucet will be a thing of the past in your household.