



DIY FOR 2010



Low-flow Showerheads & Sink Aerators:

One of the easiest, cheapest, and most effective ways of reducing your home's water consumption is by installing low-flow showerheads and sink aerators. Showering is one of the leading ways we use water. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, showering accounts for nearly 17%, or 30 gallons per day, of residential indoor water use. Dish washing and water used at the sink consumes an additional 8%, or 15 gallons of water per day. Today's low-flow showerheads and sink aerators are high-performance and water-efficient. Replacing your inefficient showerheads and aerators with water-efficient ones will save you money by reducing your overall household water consumption and the energy required to heat the hot water. Your household could save nearly 7,500 gallons of water per year by installing low-flow showerheads and sink-aerators!

Installing a Low-flow Showerhead:

1. Unscrew old shower head (turn counter clockwise).
2. Clean shower arm threads, apply Teflon sealing tape. Wrapping the tape two times around the shower arm's thread is usually sufficient.
3. Hand-tighten the new, low-flow showerhead on to the shower arm. Do not over tighten.
4. Run water and test for watertight fit. If it leaks, gently tighten with a wrench and use a cloth to protect the finish.



Installing a Sink Aerator:

1. Unscrew old faucet attachment.
2. For inside-threaded faucets, install as is.
3. For outside-threaded faucets, first remove top washer to expose inside threads and install.
4. Hand-tighten the aerator. Do not over tighten.
5. Run water and test for a watertight fit. If it leaks, gently tighten with a wrench and use a cloth to protect the finish.



If you don't already have a low-flow showerhead or sink aerator, stop by the City of Aspen Utilities booth at the Saturday Market. There, you will have the opportunity to pick up a FREE low-flow showerhead and sink aerator!

Saving water starts at home. Thank you for doing your part!

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