



# Leak Detection Helpful Hints

## Bathroom, Kitchen and Outdoor Faucets

### Detection:

Most faucet leaks are plainly visible as drips coming out of the faucet aerator. Occasionally, faucets may leak in other places such as the on/off handle(s) or in the pipe below the basin. You may have a leak in the piping if there are visible drips coming from the piping or if there are wet, damp areas underneath the sink.

### Repair:

Faucets typically leak because of bad rubber washers, old gaskets or O-rings and corroded valve seats. If you decide to fix the faucet yourself, make sure you bring along the old faucet and parts when visiting the hardware or appliance store.

A repair kit will have the key parts to replace to stop drips. Ball-type faucets have these parts.

## Bathtub Faucets and Showerheads

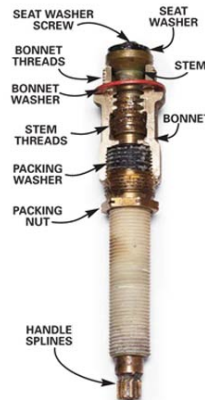
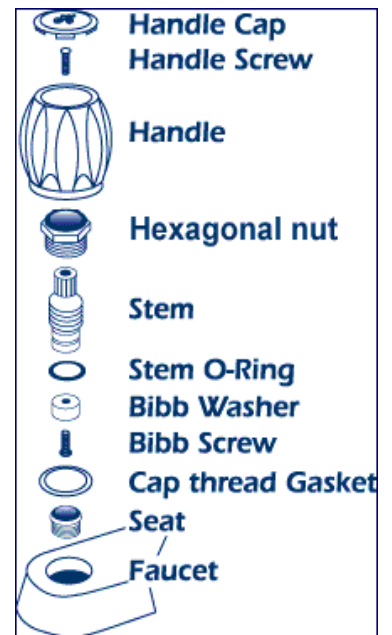
### Detection:

Most bathtub leaks are visible by drips coming from the tub spout. Occasionally, bathtub faucets may leak in other places such as the hot and/or cold water handle(s). Most showerhead leaks are visible by drips coming from the showerhead.

### Repair:

If you find a fixture that is leaking, turn off the water shutoff valve for that device and then locate the leak.

Next try to tighten any fittings that leak. A quarter or half turn with a wrench might do the trick. Be careful not to over-tighten fittings.



### CONSERVATION TIP

Replace leaky drain plugs in sinks and bathtubs.

*A "trickling" faucet can waste 19 gallons of water a day or 7,000 gallons a year .*