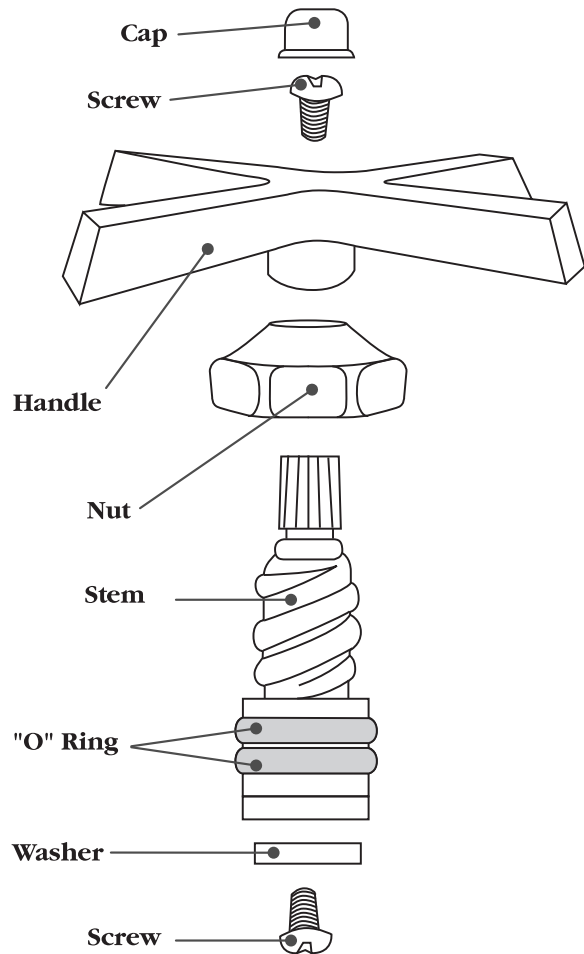


Washer type faucet repair

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Tools needed for washer type faucet:

Screwdriver
Adjustable wrench
Pliers
Replacement washer



- 1** First, shut off the water supply to the faucet you are repairing. The faucet shut off is located under the sink. Cover the sink drain to prevent a dropped screw from going down the drain – a washcloth works fine.
- 2** Remove the cap on the faucet handle. Remove the exposed screw by turning counter-clockwise (brass screws are soft so be careful not to strip the slots), then pull the handle off.
- 3** Use an adjustable wrench or end wrench to remove the nut (put a cloth between the wrench and nut to prevent scratching).
- 4** Loosen stem with pliers, then remove by hand.
- 5** Replace the rubber washer that pushes against the brass seat inside the faucet to stop the flow of water.



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Save money by seeking out the leaks

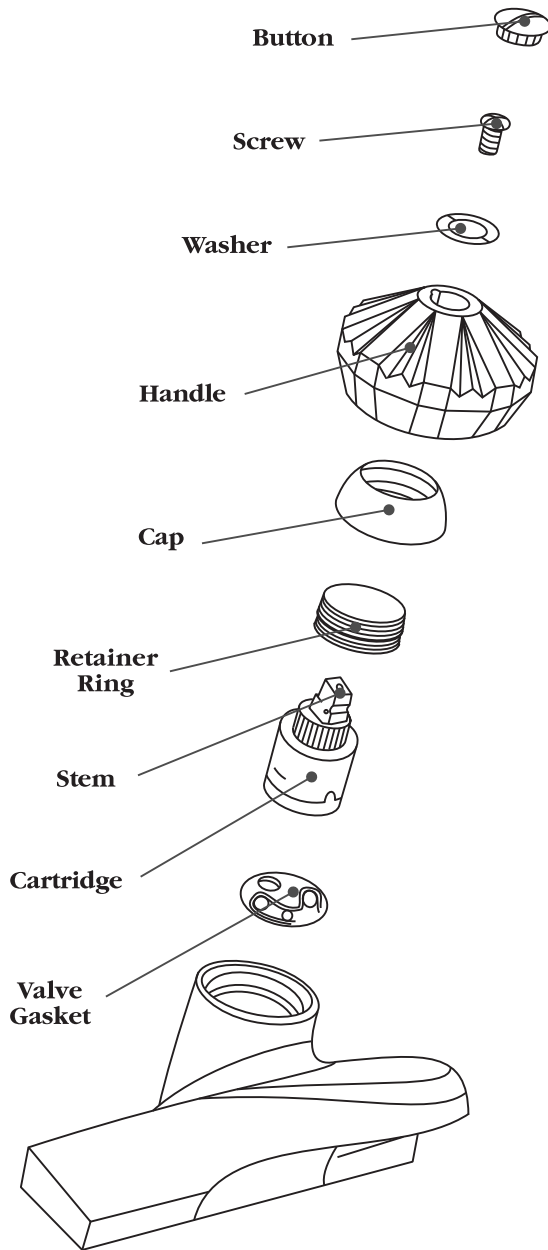


If you are replacing faucet washers often (every few months), consider purchasing a new, performance tested WaterSense labeled faucet.



Washerless type faucet repair

**A few minor repairs
can make a major
difference!**



Tools needed for washerless faucet:

Screwdriver
Tape
Replacement valve gasket

- 1** First, shut off the water supply to the faucet you are repairing. The faucet shut off is located under the sink. Cover the sink drain to prevent a dropped screw from going down the drain – a washcloth works fine.
- 2** Remove the decorative button and loosen the exposed screw by turning counter-clockwise (brass screws are soft so be careful not to strip the slots), then pull the handle off.
- 3** Cover the dome-shaped cap with tape to protect the finish and unscrew counter-clockwise.
- 4** Using pliers, unscrew the retainer ring.
- 5** Carefully remove the cartridge by pulling straight on the stem with pliers.
- 6** Replace the valve gasket and reassemble by reversing these steps.

A faucet that leaks at a rate of only one drip per second can use up to 1,661 gallons of water over the course of a year. Hot water leaking at the same rate can cost up to \$35 in electricity or in natural gas. Fixing drips is a cost-effective and easy way to save water and energy. Leaking faucets are usually caused by worn washers.

If you have a drip or steady stream from your faucet when it is shut off, follow the repair steps in this brochure to fix it.

Remember, fixing leaks saves you money on your water bill and maybe your energy bill, and can save you even more if you pay sewer fees.

For a more complete faucet repair guide, see your local plumbing store or home improvement center.