Washer type faucet

How to...

1. First shut off the water supply to the faucet you are repairing. The faucet shut off is located under the sink.

2. Remove the cap on the faucet handle. Remove exposed screw by turning counter clockwise (brass screws are soft so be careful not to strip the slots), then pull handle off.

3. Use a crescent wrench or end wrench to remove 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 which pushes against the brass seat inside the faucet to stop the flow of water.

If you are replacing faucet washers often (every few months), you may need to replace the valve seat. The brass seat can be removed with a valve seat tool.
**Washerless type faucet**

1. First shut off the water supply to the faucet you are repairing. The faucet shut off is located under the sink.

2. Remove the decorative button and loosen exposed screw by turning counter clockwise, then pull 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 cartridge by pulling straight on the stem with pliers.

6. Replace valve gasket and reassemble by reversing steps.

**Tools needed for washerless type faucet:**
- screwdriver
- tape
- adjustable pliers

**Tools needed for washer type faucet:**
- screwdriver
- adjustable wrench
- pliers
- valve seat tool

A faucet that drips once each second wastes 168 gallons of water a month. Leaking faucets are usually caused by worn washers.

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

Remember, fixing leaks saves you money on your water bill, but saves you even more money on your sewer charges.

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

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