

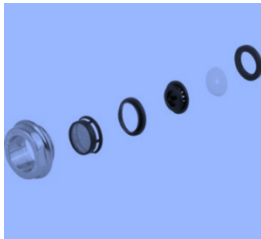


### Faucet Aerator Cleaning Maintenance Tips:

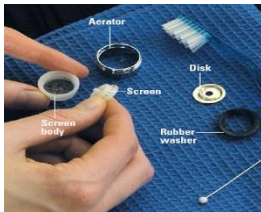
***Before cleaning an aerator recommend putting the sink stopper down or covering the drain to avoid dropping any parts down the drain.***

**Wrap some masking tape around the jaws of a groove-joint plier or around the aerator or use a cloth to prevent scratches.** This will protect the surface of the aerator.

**Grip the outside of the aerator with the pliers, and turn the aerator **clockwise** to loosen it.** Be gentle too much pressure can crush the aerator.



**Disassemble the aerator.** Take out the washer or O-ring and push the internal parts or just the one part out of the aerator housing. \*Remember how it is assembled so you can reassemble after cleaning. A small paper clip or pin might help if there is more than one part to the aerator. If the components are stuck, soak the aerator in white vinegar and warm water (one part vinegar to one part water) or lime-dissolver solution for 30 minutes.



**Use an old toothbrush and a gentle brush to clean the parts.** Don't bend the screen or you'll have to replace it.

**Reassemble the aerator parts.** Insert the screen, disk, or just the one part and washer or O-ring (depending on your aerator's design) in reverse order of disassembly.



**Reinstall the aerator on the faucet.** Screw the aerator in by hand in a **counterclockwise** direction. Use the pliers to tighten securely if it leaks. There is no need to over tighten. Snug is good!

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