

# FIXING A LEAKING TAP

A leaking tap is one of those annoying plumbing problems we tend to put off fixing. But it's an easy D.I.Y. job that anyone can do, and the sooner you get onto it, the less water and money you'll lose down the drain.



## CHECKLIST

- 12mm (1/2") washers  
*(these are most commonly used inside the home)*
- O-ring
- Jumper valve
- Wrench /spanner or tap spanner set
- Multi-grips  
*(if necessary)*
- Screwdriver
- Tap lubricant
- Cloth

## HINTS & TIPS

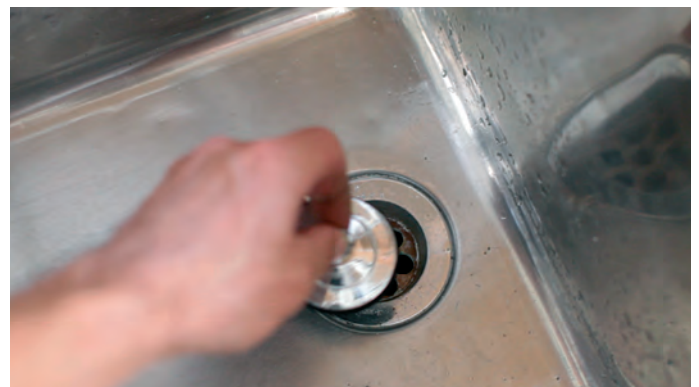


If you have chrome tapware, place a cloth over the cover to stop the finish getting scratched.

## STEP 1 PREPARATION



Before getting started, make sure you turn off your water supply at the mains. If you live in a house, your water main will be out on the street or in the front yard. If you live in a flat or townhouse, the mains tap may be found in the bathroom or laundry.



Turn on the tap to release any water left in the pipe, then put a plug in the basin to stop any parts falling down the drain as you work.

## STEP 2 REPAIRS



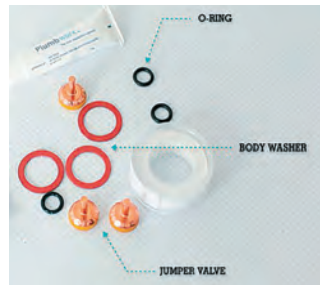
Using a spanner, take off the tap's cover to remove the handle. Some taps may have a small screw under the handle, that can be removed with an allen key.



Undo the screw and remove the handle. If the tap has a metal cover, unscrew it by hand, or use a wrench or tap spanner.



Unscrew the tap bonnet, and completely remove the headgear. You should see a large body washer, o-ring and jumper valve. The jumper valve should fall out.



Replace the body washer, the o-ring and the jumper valve with new parts. Apply a tap lubricant to the spindle and valve for better sealing and smoother tap operation.



Refit the bonnet and spindle. Be careful not to over-tighten the nuts.



Put the tap back together, turn it off, and turn the water main back on. Check the tap to make sure it's no longer leaking.

### RE-SEATING



If you find that your tap is still leaking, this normally means that it will require re-seating. Re-seating is the resurfacing of the tap body so that the washer can achieve a tighter seal. Re-seating kits can be purchased from your local Home Timber & Hardware store.

This information is intended as a guide only. Please check with your council for any relevant laws before commencing any work. Always wear personal protection equipment and use tools safely.