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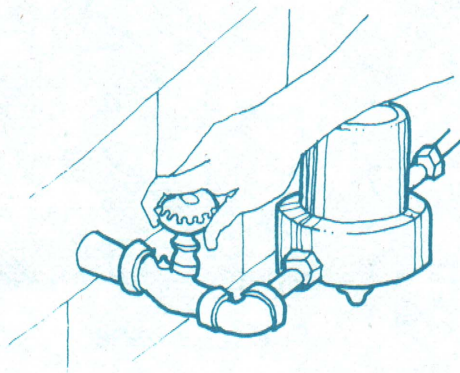
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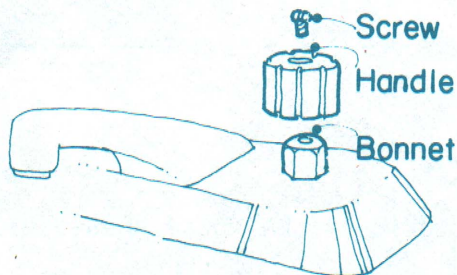
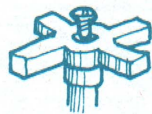
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GET RID OF THE DRIP IN YOUR HOUSE

Do you have a drip in the house? These drips can waste water, be annoying, and waste energy if the drip is in the hot water faucet. Now is the best time to stop that drip.

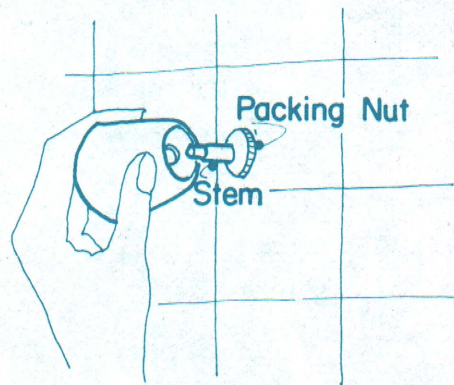


1. Shut off the water to the faucet, either at the pump or where the supply enters the house which is usually on the side next to the street. It should be near the water meter. Some installations have a valve under the sink or lavatory and this is convenient.

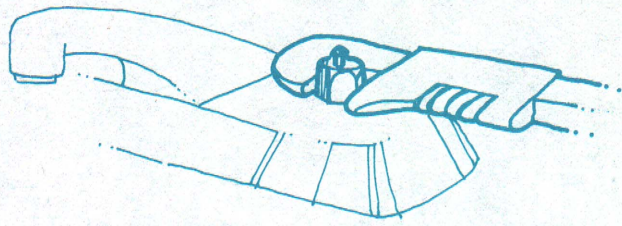


2a. Different Types Of Faucet Handles

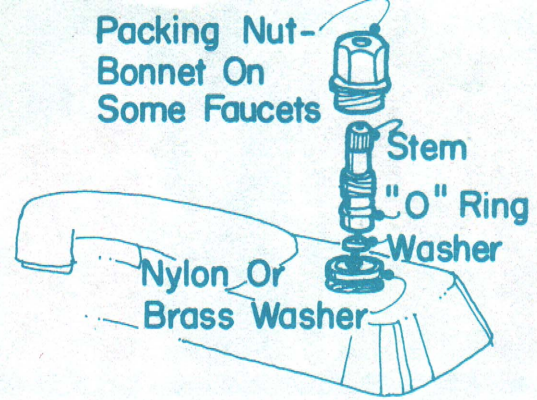
2. On some faucets the handle must be removed to get at the bonnet. To do this remove the screw on the top of the faucet and remove the handle.



2b. Shower Faucet Handle

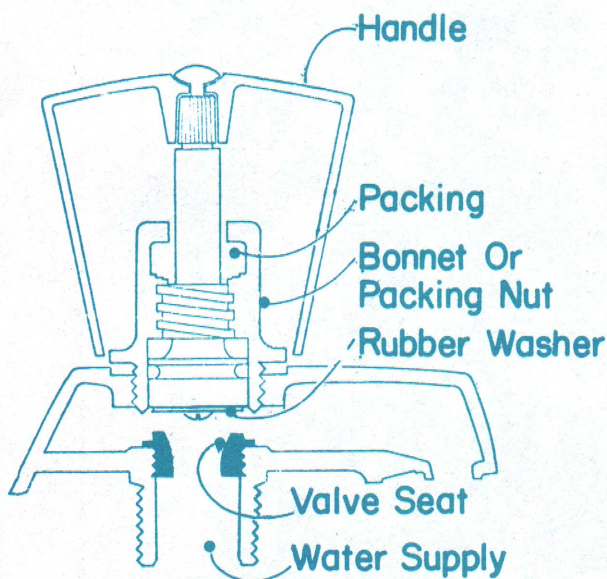
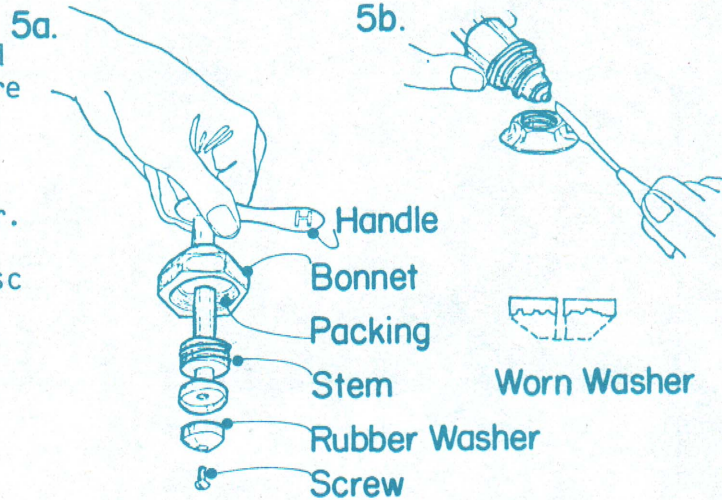


3. With a monkey wrench or adjustable wrench remove the bonnet.



4. Remove the valve stem by rotating the handle in the same direction as you would to shut the water off. The assembly should come out.

5. Remove the screw on the bottom and pry out the old rubber washer. Be sure to replace the washer with the same size and type. If you do not have a washer of the appropriate size you might try reversing the present washer. This would be a temporary solution especially if the washer is a flat disc and not a coned washer. Measure the diameter. For the first replacement buy a package of assorted sizes and remember what size your faucet requires.



6. Check the valve seat to be sure it is not scored.

7. Replace the faucet assembly in the reverse order you disassembled the faucet.

The drip in the house should be gone.