

Guidance for cleaning faucet aerators

Aerators are small attachments at the tips of faucets which regulate the flow of water. When replacing water meters, it's important to consider the potential for natural mineral buildup within the service line that may be dislodged during the installation. This natural mineral buildup can temporarily impact water clarity or become lodged in a faucet aerator.

Cleaning your faucet aerator only takes a few minutes – here's how:

1. Unscrew the small round piece that is attached to the bottom of your faucet; if it hasn't been removed in a while, you may need to give it a gentle counter-clockwise turn with a wrench. Once the aerator is removed, let the water run until clear to remove any additional debris.
2. In most cases, you can remove small debris by simply turning the aerator over and rinsing it with water. However, grime or stubborn pieces can be removed using a glass of vinegar and an old toothbrush.
3. You can soak the aerator as long as necessary in the vinegar, but five minutes will normally do the trick. Simply brush off any particles and rinse with water.
4. Reassemble the aerator, which normally has a washer to prevent leaks, and screw it back on to your faucet. Now you've cleaned your faucet aerator!

