

Blog: What Plumbing Company Techs Will Tell You about Faucet Repair

Checklist: Shopping for New Faucets

You've had your faucets fixed, and your plumbing professional recommends upgrading one or more to prevent future issues. Sometimes the cause is age, sometimes wear and tear. Faucet issues arise from cheap fixtures as often as from poor installation. No matter the case, if you're ready to upgrade the current faucets in your kitchen, bath, or shower, take a look at these handy tips to keep in mind when you start shopping:

- **The number of mounting holes.** Looking for a new kitchen or bathroom faucet? Remember to consider the amount of mounting holes before you get your heart set on one, unless you want to invest in a new sink while you're at it. Make sure the mounting holes on the sink match the needs of the faucet.
- **Install a new sink at the same time.** If you have any inkling to replace your sink as well as your faucet, do it at the same time. Installing the faucet in the sink before the sink gets installed in the counter simplifies the whole process.
- **Look at the spout shape and reach.** When you decide to buy a new faucet, you might fall in love with something fancy or curvy. If you're replacing your kitchen fixture, you have more flexibility with size and height. In your bathroom, however, the clearance is essential. You don't want the spout to extend too high or out too far for the sink. A short reach can also be a problem as it can cause water to splash behind the sink as well as make it difficult to access the stream of water fully.
- **Looks aren't everything.** Everyone wants a beautiful home, and that includes your sinks and faucets. But keep in mind that looks aren't everything. No matter how pretty your tap, if it's poor quality you're not going to love it for long. Choose durability and reliability as well as looks to get the most out of your upgrade.
- **The finishing touches.** The most common faucet finish is chrome. It's durable and practical and easy to keep clean. But if nothing else in the room is chrome, it can create an inconsistent look. You might not think it will be a big deal, but once it's installed, you might notice it more than you think.
- **Hold it in your hand.** If you're replacing your tub or shower fixtures, be sure to think about the hand-held function. If you want the option, now is the best time to choose the one that suits you best.

The right Conyers plumbing company will provide trustworthy, long-lasting faucet repair.