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## Updating Faucets & Fixtures

If your kitchen and baths are outdated, consider replacing the faucets or sinks to create a modern and more appealing look. This quick update is affordable and will likely impress potential buyers.

### Choosing a Lavatory Faucet

When replacing your faucet, find out what type you currently have installed. Faucets are available in a wide range of prices and styles. Next, consider the style of your bathroom to be sure you select a faucet that will suit the other existing fixtures.



### Choosing a Toilet

Does the entire toilet need to be replaced or just the lid? The basic style of toilets hasn't changed much in recent history, therefore finding a matching lid is likely so consider this quick and easy update.

If the entire toilet needs to be replaced, you will find a vast selection of colors to choose from, and either round or elongated shapes are available. Even special designs or patterns can be found, so don't limit yourself to plain white or eggshell.



### Choosing a Kitchen Sink

Things to consider when choosing a sink for the kitchen include material, shape and color, as well as how the sink will be mounted. The material and color of the sink often are coordinated with or determined by the countertops, although it's not a requirement that they be exactly the same. The most common sink materials available today are stainless steel, porcelain, acrylic and solid-surface materials (also called composites). Each material has its own particular benefits, so you'll have to think about which qualities are most important to you.

## Finishing Up

Ask yourself these questions before the water starts to flow;

- **How many holes are in your sink?** If you're replacing an existing faucet, be sure to choose a new one that requires the same number of holes in the deck of the sink as the one that's being removed.
- **What kind of handles do you want?** Typical kitchen faucets have either one handle that rotates directionally to choose a water temperature or two handles for mixing hot and cold water.
- **Do you use a sprayer?** Some newer models have sprayers integrated right into the faucet itself.
- **Do you want a filter?** Many people choose to filter their tap water for drinking. There are a number of ways to install a filter, and some involve an attachment to the faucet itself. A few faucets come with the filtering mechanism built-in. If you choose to filter, think about the volume of water you will use and maintenance requirements.
- **What style and finish do you want?** For a unified look, choose a style and finish for your new faucet that matches that of your kitchen cabinet hardware.
- **What are the technical considerations?** Some faucets mount from the top of the sink, while others mount from the bottom. If you're hiring a professional to install your new faucet (perhaps along with a new sink), he or she likely will be familiar with both types. If you're installing a new faucet yourself, make sure you understand all the steps before you begin.

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