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need to turn the water supply to the sink off. Question My compression faucet handles are solid and there are no screws anywhere. What should I do? wikiHow Staff Editor Staff Answer This answer was written by one of our trained team of researchers who validated it for accuracy and comprehensiveness. See the seam where the handle meets the faucet fixture? Slide a flathead screwdriver in that seam and pry the handles up. Question My leak is located at the shut-off valve for cold water underneath the sink. What sort of parts do I need to buy? wikiHow Staff Editor Staff Answer This answer was written by one of our trained team of researchers who validated it for accuracy and comprehensiveness. Before you buy anything, grab a wrench and tighten the nut right behind the valve. The plumber's tape on that nut's threading can degrade over time which can cause a leak. Luckily, turning that nut a few times should fix it. If the leak is coming from under the sink, try tightening the nut under the sink handle. If none of this works, just replace the supply line entirely. See more answers Ask a Question Advertisement Thanks for reading our article! If you'd like to learn more about faucet repair, check out our in-depth interview with Dave Jones. Co-authored by: Master Plumber, Roto-Rooter Plumbing & Water Cleanup This article was co-authored by Dave Jones and by wikiHow staff writer, Eric McClure. Dave Jones is a Professional Plumber and the Midwest Regional Vice President at Roto-Rooter Plumbing & Water Cleanup. In 1992, Jones joined Roto-Rooter as a drain service technician at the age of 18. Since then, he has risen through the ranks into positions of increasing authority. Dave served as general manager of Roto-Rooter's Charlotte, North Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia branches before being promoted to Contractor Area Manager and later to Regional Vice President. Dave holds Master Plumber Licenses in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Georgia. This article has been viewed 2,408,238 times. Co-authors: 55 Updated: March 30, 2025 Views: 2,408,238 Categories: Faucet Repairs Article SummaryXTo fix a leaky faucet, first turn off the water to your faucet by twisting the valve under the sink. If there's no valve, turn off the water supply for your whole house. Turn the faucet on to empty any water in the pipes, and plug the drain so nothing falls down it while you're working. If there's a set screw behind the faucet handle, use an Allen wrench to remove it, then take the handle off. Alternatively, if there's a top screw cover on the handle, pry it off with a flathead screwdriver, then loosen the screw beneath it and remove the handle. With the handle off, use a wrench to loosen and remove the nut in the handle assembly. Pull the handle cartridge up and out of the sink. Use a cloth to wipe down all of the loose parts and the area around the handle. If the O-ring looks old or damaged, replace it. Get a matching replacement for the old cartridge, then insert the new cartridge back into the sink. Now tighten the nut back into place with the wrench and reattach the handle. Finally, turn the water back on and check that your faucet is no longer leaking. If you need to learn how to fix a compression or cartridge faucet, keep reading! Print Send fan mail to authors Thanks to all authors for creating a page that has been read 2,408,238 times. "I didn't think a leaky faucet was something I could fix myself, but the steps for a compression faucet (which is what I have) were straightforward and easy to follow. Thanks!"... more Share your story