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### How to Clean Faucet Aerator

1. Wrap some masking tape around the jaws of a groove-joint pliers or around the aerator to prevent scratches.
2. Grip the outside of the aerator with the pliers, and turn the aerator clockwise to loosen it. Be gentle; too much pressure can crush the aerator housing.
3. Disassemble the aerator. Push the internal parts out of the aerator housing. A small paper clip might help. If the components are stuck, soak the aerator in white vinegar or lime-dissolver solution (one part vinegar to one part water) for 30 minutes.

***Tip: Cover the sink drain to prevent small parts from accidentally falling down the drain.***

4. Use an old toothbrush and a gentle touch to clean the parts. Don't bend the screens or you will have to replace them.
5. Reassemble the aerator parts. Insert the screen, disk, and washer or O-ring (depending on your aerator's design) in reverse order of disassembly.
6. Reinstall the aerator on the faucet. Screw it in by hand in a counterclockwise direction. Use the pliers to tighten securely but there's no need to over tighten it. Snug is good!

