



Essential DIY Tap Repairs Guide

Your Step-by-Step Guide to Fixing Dripping or Leaking Taps at Home

What You Can Legally Do in Queensland

In Queensland, homeowners **can legally undertake tap repairs** on their property. However, if the issue worsens, you may still need a licensed plumber, so proceed with care.

Tools You'll Need

- Adjustable spanner or tap spanner
- Tap reseating tool
- Flathead screwdriver
- O-ring and washer kit
- Silicone grease
- Bucket or towel (for spills)

How to Fix a Leaking Spindle Tap

1. **Turn off the water supply** at the isolation valve or main water meter.
2. **Open the tap fully** to release any water in the pipes.
3. **Remove the tap handle** using a screwdriver.
4. **Unscrew the cover flange** to expose the tap body.
5. **Use the spanner** to loosen and remove the spindle.
6. **Inspect washers and O-rings.** Replace with matching new parts.
7. **Clean and reseal if needed** using the reseating tool.
8. **Lubricate the spindle** with silicone grease and reassemble.



9. Turn the water back on and check for leaks.

⚠ Common DIY Mistakes to Avoid

- Using **incorrect washers** that don't seal properly.
- Forgetting to reseal the tap—leading to **continued drips**.
- Over-tightening components—causing **thread damage**.
- Use **hot water** while testing—always test with cold water.

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- If leaks persist after repair.
- If the tap body is cracked or corroded.
- If internal components are seized or misaligned.
- If you're unsure about any step!