# **ELKAY**<sub>®</sub> Elkay Faucet Care and Cleaning

With proper care and maintenance, your Elkay faucet will give you a lifetime of service. Below are the suggestions for the care and cleaning of your Elkay Faucet.

### **Faucet Cleaning**

- Clean faucets daily to avoid build-up of soap or mineral deposits, as these tend to have an adverse effect on the appearance of the product.
- For typical cleaning, wipe faucet well with a damp cloth and dry thoroughly with a soft towel. Drying helps avoid water spots.
- DO NOT use cleaning products containing ammonia, bleach, alcohol or other harsh chemicals and DO NOT use any form of abrasives (e.g. abrasive sponges or steel wool) which are damaging to metal surfaces.
- Faucet spray faces may become dirty over time. With Elkay's easy-clean rubber spray face, cleaning is as easy as rubbing with a finger to clean. This is recommended to do on a daily basis.

#### Chrome

With chrome finished faucets common household cleaners (e.g. dish soap) can be used.\* However, cleaners should be rinsed off thoroughly and the faucet should be dried.

#### **Oil Rubbed Bronze**

With oil rubbed bronze faucets Windex original can be used .\* However, cleaners should be rinsed off thoroughly and the faucet should be dried.

\*Though household cleaners CAN be used, simply using a damp towel and drying thoroughly is still recommended.

#### **Care and Maintenance**

- These simple steps will extend the life of your faucet.
- The water in certain areas of the world can be very caustic standing water around the product can cause damage. Be sure to remove standing water with a dry, soft cloth as soon as possible.
- For chrome and brushed finishes, as often as once a week, you can apply a paste wax or special, non-abrasive, brass coating (for polished brass)
- Before applying a protective coating (paste wax), gently brush the entire fixture using a soft tooth brush. This will remove any dirt or deposit build-up.
- DO NOT APPLY POLISH

#### **Replacing Parts**

If your Elkay faucet is leaking it may be time to replace the faucet's cartridge. To learn more about this process, please reference this <u>article on replacing your cartridge</u>. However, Elkay recommends that replacing a cartridge should be done by a professional.

Failure to follow care and cleaning will void your warranty. For additional information, please visit <u>Elkay.com</u>.

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#### **Home Remedies for Cleaning**

- For major stains or grime on your faucets, a mixture of a half a cup of white vinegar and a half cup of water will help. Dip a cloth into the solution and rub away the grime or stain. The solution should then be rinsed off and dried to prevent damage to the finish of your faucet.
- The above mixture is also recommended for spray faces with built up debris. Use a toothbrush with this mixture to try to dislodge any debris obstructing the water flow.
- Another solution for major grime or stains, is a small amount of baking soda and water on a toothbrush. This should remove any nasty stains. Again, the solution should then be rinsed off and dried to prevent damage to the finish of your faucet.
- DO NOT allow any part of your Elkay faucet to soak in either of the above mixtures. It is also recommended to test the above mixtures on an unseen part of your faucet to see what affect it has to the finish of your faucet.