

INSTALL A LOW-FLOW SHOWERHEAD

A low-flow showerhead uses 2.5 or fewer gallons of water per minute (GPM) as opposed to up to 6 GPM used by older showerheads. That means you can save up to 35 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower, plus the energy your water heater would have used to heat those gallons.

Tools required: Wrench, dry cloth

Materials Required: Teflon tape, low-flow showerhead

Estimated time taken: 10 minutes

Project cost: \$30-\$50

Estimated energy savings/Payback period: \$60-\$100 per year on energy and water, about 6 months payback period.

HOW TO

Step 1: Loosen the old showerhead using a wrench, then unscrew and remove the showerhead by hand.

Step 2: Clean off any residual Teflon tape from the showerhead thread. Put a new layer of Teflon tape on the showerhead thread.

Step 3: Screw on the new low-flow showerhead. Use a wrench to tighten the showerhead. When tightening the showerhead, use a cloth between the wrench and the showerhead to prevent damage on the new fixture.

