

# How to Replace a Hand-Held Showerhead

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## Objective

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The learner will be able to remove an existing showerhead (handheld or fixed) and install a new handheld showerhead. The steps described in this instruction sheet and in the accompanying video at [seejanedrill.com](http://seejanedrill.com) will enable the learner to complete this task quickly and efficiently.

## Resources Needed to Complete Job

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- **Tools & Equipment**
  - One new hand-held showerhead kit
  - Pipe wrenches and/or adjustable wrenches (it will depend upon your existing plumbing hardware as to which type will work better for you)
  
- **General Supplies**
  - Teflon Tape

## Steps to Replace Showerhead

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1. **Remove old fixture.** It may be possible to unscrew and remove the old fixture by hand or by using an adjustable wrench.

If not, then here is a *handy trick*:

*You'll need two pipe wrenches, one large and one small. You will secure the larger wrench to the shower pipe that is coming out the wall. Attach it in such a way that*

*it is hanging to the right of the pipe coming out of the wall. What you will want to do next is hold the larger wrench with one hand, and it will function like a vise to hold the shower pipe in place while you unscrew the fixture, with your other hand, using the smaller pipe wrench. You are holding the one pipe steady while you loosen the fixture by turning it to the left. To see how this technique works, refer to the video “How to Replace a Hand-Held Showerhead” at [seejanedrill.com](http://seejanedrill.com)*



Removing existing showerhead with pipe wrenches

2. **Wrap pipe with Teflon tape:** An important step is to wrap the pipe with Teflon tape, prior to attaching the new showerhead. This will create a water-tight seal to prevent leakage. Tightly wrap the threads of the pipe in a piece of Teflon tape before proceeding.



Wrapping pipe with Teflon tape

3. **Attach the new fixture:** There are two pieces that come with a hand-held shower unit: the showerhead holder, and the showerhead itself.
  - a. First, attach the holder to the pipe to which you just applied the Teflon tape. Tighten it hand-tight.



Attaching the showerhead holder

- b. Next, apply Teflon tape to the threads of the portion of the holder to which you will attach the shower head. Then, screw on the showerhead. Tighten it hand-tight.



New Showerhead, Installed

4. **Test it:** Turn on the water to the shower to make sure everything is well-attached and there are no leaks. If there are leaks, keep tightening until the shower is functioning perfectly.

And that's it. You did it! You have just installed a new hand-held showerhead.

For further information about the task described in this worksheet and the tools and materials needed to complete this job, refer to **[seejanedrill.com](http://seejanedrill.com)**

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