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## **How To Replace Sink Spray Head Nozzle**

Having a sink sprayer is a kick, we know. But it's absolutely no fun at all when it starts spraying you in the face. It's downright gloomy when it doesn't work at all. If your sprayer is malfunctioning in one fashion or another, you'll have to fix it. It looks like a tough job, but don't be fooled. It's as simple as installing a nozzle on a garden hose!

## **Utensils**

Pliers Screwdriver

## Ingredients

New coupling and washer New sprayer nozzle

## **Approximate Time: 15 Minutes**

- 1. Grasp nozzle in one hand (Fig. 95A).
- 2. With pliers in the other hand, grasp coupling firmly, but not too firmly.
- 3. Now unscrew the nozzle head in a counterclockwise direction and remove. The washer that is at the end of the hose must be snapped off. If it is still in good condition, keep it.
- 4. Slide coupling back slightly over hose. This will reveal the wire snap ring (Fig. 95B).
- 5. Pry snap ring off with screwdriver and retain.
- 6. Now slide old coupling off hose.
- 7. Now slide new coupling over hose so threads are facing outward.
- 8. Reinsert wire snap ring into place on rubber hose.
- 9. Place washer at the end of the hose, behind the coupling.
- 10. Screw new sprayer nozzle into coupling.
- 11. Grasp coupling with pliers and turn nozzle one-eighth of a turn. Do not overtighten!
- 12. Turn on water faucet and test new nozzle.

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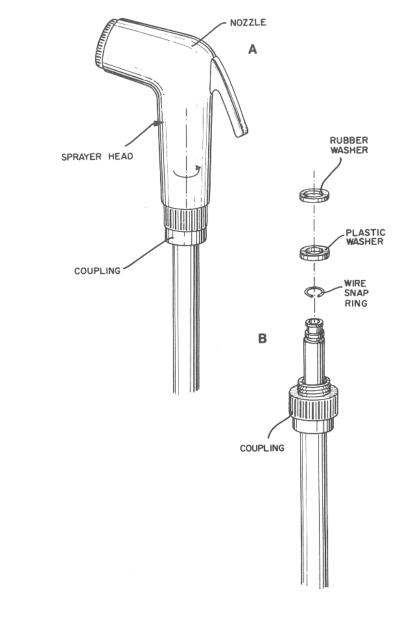


Figure 95.
Installing a Sprayer Head Nozzle