



Installation Instructions

ShowerStick - Shower Water Softener

Before You Begin

- (Video Installation Instructions coming soon!)
- You can install the ShowerStick yourself, no plumber or maintenance person is needed.

Installation Steps

1. Remove the Old Shower Head

- Unscrew counterclockwise by hand or with a crescent wrench, if required (use a rag to protect the finish).
- Remove all plumber's tape from pipe and clean off threads. Inspect threads for damage.
- Wrap plumber's tape clockwise 3x around pipe threads.

**Note: After your shower head is removed, no tools should be used during the installation process.*

2. Add Pipe Protector

- To protect your pipe's finish, place the clear plastic piece around the top of your pipe where it meets the wall, so the opening is at the bottom.

3. Add the Hanger Bar

- Slide it over your pipe to the wall and on top of the pipe protector with the loop at the bottom.
- Tighten the clamp by turning the blue key clockwise, making it snug, but being careful not to overtighten. This will ensure the hanger can still move as needed.

4. Add the ShowerStick

- Remove the red plastic plugs from each end & save for future storage to keep resin moist.
- While holding the bottom of the hanger (you may need to move it a little to one side), place the bottom of the ShowerStick through the hanger loop until it stops underneath the top cap lip.
- Position the ShowerStick so the regeneration port is easily accessible for regeneration.

5. Attach the KDF chlorine filter (if purchased – if not, skip to next step)

- See instructions under Optional Accessories.

6. Attach the Mount

- Unscrew the plastic cap from one end and ensure the washer is lying flat inside.
- Attach the mount to the pipe (or KDF filter if purchased) by hand, making it snug but not overtightened. If the angle needs to be adjusted so the head will be in the desired position, loosen the center joint (but don't unscrew it all the way), adjust, then re-tighten the center joint.

7. Attach the Coil Hose

- Unscrew the plastic cap from one end and ensure the washer is lying flat inside.
- Attach that end to the top of the ShowerStick.
- Unscrew the plastic cap from the other end and ensure the washer is lying flat inside.
- Attach that end to the bottom of the mount.

8. Attach the Shower Hose

- Unscrew the plastic caps from each end.
- Attach the nut end to the bottom of the ShowerStick by hand.
- Point the other end towards the drain and run the water until it runs clear, in case there's any colored residue left from the manufacturing process to rinse out.

9. Attach the Shower Head

- Connect the shower head to the cap end of the hose and place the head in the mount.
- Now you can enjoy a soft water shower. No need to regenerate yet, it's good to go!

Storage

- Keep enough water inside the ShowerStick to keep the resin moist, insert the red plastic plugs into each end, and keep the regeneration port cap attached to prevent air from drying out the resin.

Backwashing

- Perform yearly or 2-3 times a year for well water or city water with noticeable iron. Detailed instructions are on our website's FAQs page.

Regeneration Instructions

1. Remove the regeneration port cap and place the shower head/hose on the floor to drain the water.
 2. Add 1 cup of *table salt to a 1-liter bottle of tap water and shake well to dissolve the salt.
 3. Slowly pour the saltwater into the regeneration port, allowing it to drain out through the head/hose.
 4. Replace the shower head/hose in the mount and re-attach the regeneration port cap.
- Note: The *table salt can be plain or iodized, Morton's or any store brand. Other types of salt should not be used. See our website's FAQs page for more information.

When to Regenerate

- After installation, the test strips (included) will show you now have soft water (zero grains). As you use more water, the grains will increase. Keep the resin regenerated to stay in the soft water zone (0-3 grains). 3-7 grains = moderately hard, 7-10 = hard, 10-14 = very hard, 14+ = extremely hard.

Optional Accessories

- **KDF Filter**
 - Be sure the washer is lying flat inside the female end.
 - Attach the female end to the pipe being careful not to overtighten.
 - Continue to the next step to attach the mount.
 - Replace every 6-12 months (or sooner if you start to smell chlorine).
 - For visual instructions, see our website's Videos.
- **Flow Control Valve**
 - Install between the arm pipe and mount to control water flow, to conserve soft water.

Note: All parts and accessories can be found on our website's Store page: <https://watersticks.com/store/>