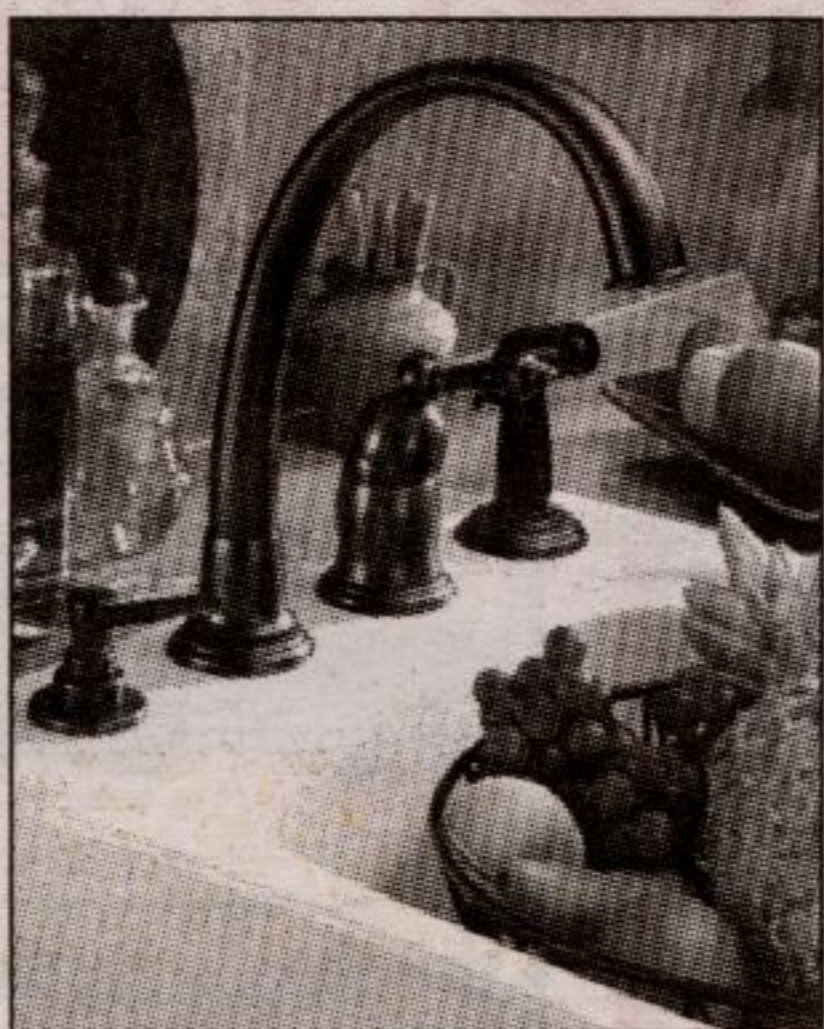


Top ten tap tips when buying a new faucet

A new faucet is an inexpensive way to enhance your kitchen and bathroom—and a good faucet decision is a good investment.



Ted Harrison, director of Marketing at Moen Canada Inc. offers the following 10 tips to help you select the faucet that's right for you.

1. Style— From modern and contemporary to traditional and classic, the style of your faucet will add charm and panache to your room.

2. Finishes— Select from a range of finishes, such as stainless, copper or black, to reflect your colour scheme and coordinate with appliances and accessories.

3. Space— Note the counter space available to determine if you can accommodate a two-handle faucet and baseplates or a single-handle faucet.

4. Filtration— Consider the convenience of a filtering faucet such as Moen's PureTouch® and Aquasuite® for clean, great-tasting water.

5. Functionality— Think about your faucet needs and functions. High-arc spouts are useful for filling tall containers, while pull-out faucets extend

to provide versatility and convenience.

6. Plumbing— Over time, your style and needs may change. Moen's unique M•PACT & trade; common valve system allows faucets to be replaced easily, without replacing under the counter plumbing.

7. Warranty— Inquire about warranties and replacement parts. A reputable manufacturer will provide a lifetime warranty on faucets and parts.

8. Accents— Play with design possibilities. Mix and match complementary accent colours on handles and trims.

9. Accessories— Select matching accessories for added function and style. Matching side sprays and soap dispensers in the kitchen, and soap and toothbrush holders in the bathroom, are practical and create a unified look.

10. Quality— Don't sacrifice quality. Select a faucet from a reputable manufacturer within your budget and your investment will pay off in the long run. For more information, call 1-800-465-0279 or www.moen.com.

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Five good reasons for using solar energy to heat your pool

1: Solar reduces pool heating costs

In the last two years alone, the price of natural gas has almost doubled. The price of the sun's energy however, hasn't changed in millions of years. It remains free, and more and more pool owners are taking advantage of this to save money.

Over a 15-year period, pool owners will spend thousands of dollars on heating. Heating with solar energy brings this cost down to zero. Once your solar system is installed there are no more heating bills to pay. Many pool owners switch to solar because it meets all of their heating needs. But even if you continue to use a gas or electric heater as a back up, solar is a smart investment that will save you money, year after year.

2: Solar extends your swim season

A properly sized solar heating system will get you swimming earlier in the spring and later into the fall. Whether or not you have an existing heater, you can keep your pool warmer and open longer with free energy from the sun. In most areas of Canada, a solar heater used in combination with a solar pool blanket could add one month to the beginning and one month to the end of the swimming season depending on your location in Canada. You get a longer swim season for free.

3: Solar equipment is durable

Solar heaters often last longer than gas or electric heaters. With proper yearly maintenance, you can expect fuel heaters to last between seven to ten years. Most gas heaters come with a two-year warranty. Good heat pumps carry two-year war-

ranties with five years on the compressors. Solar panels have a minimum 10-year warranty and typically last 15 to 20 years. In addition to saving you operating costs, their longer lifespan translates into lower replacement costs.

4: Solar requires less maintenance

Unlike gas and electric heaters, which should be serviced by a technician every year, a solar heater requires very little servicing. This means less cost and less hassle for the pool owner.

5: Solar energy is good for health and the environment

These days we hear a lot about the damaging effect that the burning of fossil fuels has on the environment. Carbon dioxide, produced from burning fossil fuels is the main cause of climate change. By replacing a propane or natural gas heater with a solar heater you can reduce the amount of carbon dioxide that enters the atmosphere by between three and ten tonnes each season; that's about the same amount produced by operating your car for one whole year! Burning fossil fuels also releases nitrogen oxides that cause smog in urban areas. Urban smog, which is worse on warm and sunny days, is harmful to people who suffer from respiratory problems, such as asthma. Solar heating can help reduce this smog.

For more information on how to help the environment and save money and energy with solar heating, call toll-free 1-800-387-2000 or visit <http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/redi> on the Internet.

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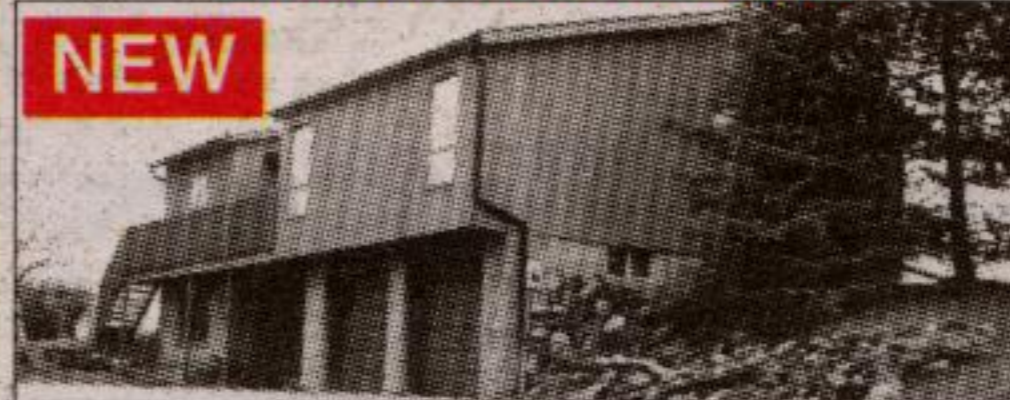
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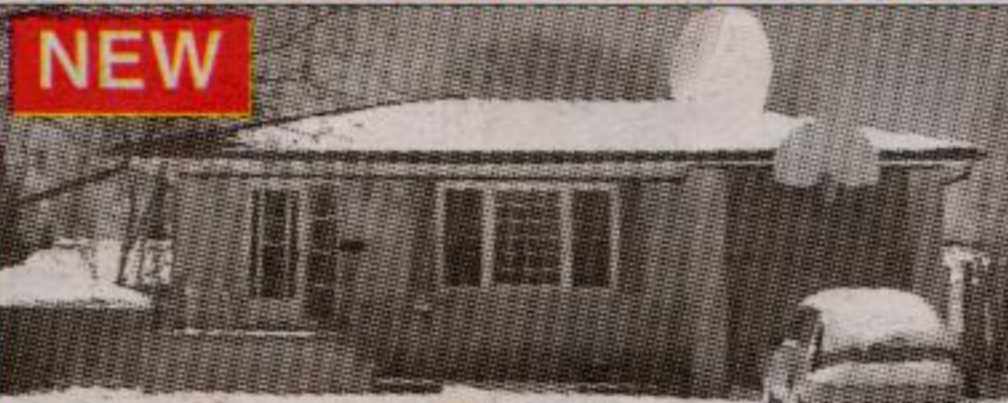
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