

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Coming Clean On The Latest In Showerheads

(NAPSA)—The notion that there's nothing new when it comes to a shower may be all wet.

A simple upgrade of your shower can lead to greater enjoyment of one of life's simple pleasures and daily routines. Many believe a great shower starts with a great showerhead. There are four major categories for you to consider:

### **Fixed Showerheads**

These are your traditional showerhead outlet devices screwed onto the end of a shower arm. Today's models offer an adjustable spray and a selection of spray functions, including massage. Each bather is different and may want the shower feel to be a strong, forceful or gentle spray. Another desirable spray is full-body coverage. A warm-feeling spray over the entire body is very pleasing during your shower.

### **Handheld Showers**

Handheld showers, like fixed showerheads in the spray options, can be fixed to the end of a shower arm with a special arm-mount bracket that is normally supplied standard with each unit from the manufacturer. Other ways to mount the hand shower include a slide bar or a wall-mount bracket. A 5-foot hose is standard but some manufacturers supply a 6-foot hose for additional movement in the shower.

### **Downpour Rain Showers**

Most rain showers on the market today are designed to work only in the horizontal position and the spray is a soft straight-down spray with no adjustability. Many



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bathers prefer the soft spray to just luxuriate in the waterfall of the shower.

### **Combination Showers**

Additionally, according to Michael Santora, director of shower products at Speakman Company, a combination shower is a trend that is developing in today's showers. Many discerning individuals want the best of all options, and the combo shower systems may allow this to be possible, practical and inexpensive.

Installation is said to be relatively easy. Simply add a two-way or a three-way diverter piece between the arm and the fixed head to add a handheld shower to a fixed showerhead installation. These are available at a home center or a plumbing supply store.

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