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What is 'hard water'?

- a) Water that has been distilled
- b) Water that contains alcohol
- c) Water that contains a lot of minerals
- d) Water that is radioactive

Answer = C

Minerals are primarily Calcium and Magnesium

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What are the practical differences between hard water and soft water?

- a) Hard water leaves spots on your glassware
- b) Hard water causes scale inside your plumbing
- c) Soft water is better for washing
- d) Water softeners have a negative environmental impact

Answer = A, B, C and D

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What makes water softeners so bad for the environment?

- a) Large amounts of sodium they discharge
- b) They use a lot of water
- c) Difficult to remove sodium from wastewater
- d) The large number of households that use them

Answer = A, B, C and D

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What is the best way to clean crusty rings around your faucets and drains caused by hard water?

- a) Chlorine bleach
- b) Lots of scrubbing with an old toothbrush
- c) Scrape off with a razor blade
- d) Cotton balls soaked in vinegar

Answer = D

Leave your cotton balls in place for an hour