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Create a Cleaner Kitchen with Handsfree

In these unprecedented times, we are all spending much more time in our homes, often noticing things that are ready for an upgrade, and spending more time thinking about reducing touch points and increasing cleanliness in our personal sanctuaries.

Your clients will likely be asking you about installing handsfree products more than they were previously. Luckily, technology is on our side and we have more automation options than ever. Did you know that the kitchen faucet is one of the most touched surfaces in the home? Think about how many times a day a family of four would use their kitchen sink and faucet for cooking, cleaning, hand washing, etc.! Not to worry, we'll outline all of the handsfree options to help make you the expert when working with your clients.

Many of our main plumbing manufacturers offer touchless or automatic kitchen faucets which help to make kitchen prep work easier and cleaner. Kohler has many kitchen faucets equipped with Touchless Technology and Kohler Konnect. Touchless Technology uses a sensor located below the arch of the faucet to activate the flow of water. The wave of a hand, a utensil or pot can activate the faucet allowing the user to get water when they need it without actually touching the faucet. When you add in Kohler Konnect you get the added benefit of voice activation. You can ask your kitchen faucet to "warm up" or "dispense two cups of water" which can be a big help for hand washing, cooking or cleaning. These functions are powered with an AC adapter, so there are no batteries to replace. There is a white LED indicator light located near the handle of the faucet to let the user know the unit is ready for handsfree use. With each of these faucets you of course always have the option for manual control.

Check out this [video](#) about the Touchless Sensate faucet from Kohler with Kohler Konnect.

Here are some of the popular Kohler faucets featuring Touchless Technology:



Kohler Sensate



Kohler Artifacts



Kohler Graze



Kohler Simplice

Delta Faucet Co. features Touch20 Technology on many of their faucet collections. Touch20 Technology allows you avoid hand use and use your wrist or forearm to touch anywhere on the body or the handle of the faucet to activate the flow of water. This technology is controlled using batteries, which makes it easy to place the faucet in a kitchen without power below the sink. You will also notice an LED indicator light on the base of each faucet that changes from blue for cold water to red for warm water to help the user know the water temperature at a glance. The next step up is VoiceIQ technology. This pairs with your virtual assistant to offer voice activated control. You simply need to say “Alexa, ask Delta to dispense 1 cup of water” and the faucet will do just that! Delta offers a wide selection of faucets with this technology, including many in their higher-end Brizo brand.

Learn more about Delta Touch20 and VoiceIQ Technology in this fun [video!](#)

Here are just a few options from Delta and Brizo:



Delta Pivotal



Delta Broderick Pro



Brizo Artesso



Brizo Litze

Moen is another brand with handsfree technology. Moen calls their collection Motion Sense and Motion Wave. These products are also designed to bring more convenience and a reduction of touchpoints in the kitchen. Motion Sense products offer two sensors on the faucet that are designed to act as your second set of hands. One is located on the top of the faucet arc and one is on the side of body, both in convenient places, designed to respond based on the needs of the task. Motion Sense Wave is a less expensive option that has one sensor located on the side body of the faucet which activates the faucet with the wave of a hand. Learn more about Moen Motion Sense in this [video!](#)

Here are a few examples of Moen Motion Sense & Motion Sense Wave:



Motion Sense (Two Sensor)



Motion Wave (One Sensor)

Grohe is yet another brand with touch technology. They offer Grohe Touch on both the Minta and the Ladylux Café Touch. Using a light touch of the wrist or forearm on the faucet spout will start the flow of cold water. Grohe has defaulted to cold water only as a safety feature to reduce the risk of scalding. If you want warm water to be an option with Grohe Touch you can upgrade your faucet with the Grohetherm Microthermostat which can be installed under the sink.



Grohe Ladylux Café Touch

Here is a quick reference chart to help you find the right handsfree faucet for your client.

Manufacturer	Activation Method	Power Source	Number of Sensors	Sensor Location	Indicator Light	Voice Option
Kohler	Wave hand under faucet arc.	AC Adapter	1	Under faucet arc.	White light near faucet handle to indicate touchless is ready to use.	Yes
Delta/Brizo	body or handle.	Battery	Touch	N/A	base.	Yes
Moen	Wave hand near various sensors.	Battery (Standard), Optional AC Adapter	1 on Motion Sense Wave and 2 on Motion Sense.	and front of the faucet body on Motion Sense and the side of faucet	Blue indicator light on the sensor to signal system ready.	No
Grohe	body or handle.	Battery	Touch	N/A	No	No

Please ask your designer how to incorporate this technology into your next project.