Steps for Washing Your Hands

- Liquid hand soap or a bar of soap can be used. If using a bar of soap, place it in a soap dish or on a small plate by the sink so it's within easy reach.
- Sing a favorite song while washing hands. This will encourage a longer process of hand washing.
- Have hand lotion available to soothe dry skin.
- The pictures below provide a step-by-step guide for washing hands as it can be difficult for those with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia to remember the sequence of steps. It is also a good idea to verbally describe each step of the process:
 - 1. Turn on the water
 - 2. Use the soap dispenser to pump/squeeze out soap or rub the bar of soap into the palms of the hands.
 - 3. Rub between the palms of the hands
 - 4. Rub between the fingers

- 5. Rub each thumb
- 6. Rub the back of the hands
- 7. Rub both wrists
- 8. Put hands under the water and rinse soap from hands and wrists. Dry hands and turn off the water.



