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**Q.** *The only time my hair doesn't look like straw is when I go home to visit my mother. She thinks the difference could be in the water. How do I combat the effects of hard water on my hair?*

—KELLY, 30, LAFAYETTE, LA

**A.** Your mother is right. Hard water contains more minerals, which stick to hair and make it unmanageable and difficult to clean. Soft water can make rinsing your hair tricky, so locks may look limp and lifeless.

Luckily, NYC hair pro Robert Craig has a lot of frequent-flier-mile-accumulating clients, so he developed the **Robert Craig No More Bad Hair Days Kit, \$19.95** (above), a simple kit with 12 test strips to figure out what kind of water is coming out of the shower you're using (800-917-2566 or robertcraig.com). It's easy: Wet the test strip, and after 15 seconds it will change colors. Compare the color to the mini shampoo bottles in the kit—and use the one it matches. Hello, good-hair day!

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