

Toilet Do's & Don'ts

DO



Flush human waste and toilet paper down the toilet. A toilet can handle a reasonable amount of toilet paper.



Retrieve objects that can clog or bust a pipe from the toilet before you flush.



Throw the toilet bowl cleaning brush away as soon as the bristles wear down and metal is showing. Or use a plastic brush, which is less likely to scratch the bowl.



Flush approved toilet bowl cleanser regularly to help reduce clogs.



Keep your toilet clean and free of unwanted odors. There are many safe cleaners on the market.

DON'T



Use your toilet bowl as a universal garbage disposal. Too much toilet paper can clog the drain. In fact, don't flush anything else other than human waste and toilet paper down the toilet.



Flush reactive products and chemicals down the toilet. Any "nasties" like hazardous chemicals, paints, thinners, or oils need to be disposed of properly.



Use abrasive materials or cleansers when cleaning your toilet bowl. Once the bowl is scratched, it is impossible to keep clean, and you won't be able to repair the scratches.



Use the toilet as a ladder, or stand or sit on the toilet tank lid. It will crack if abused.



Ever hit your toilet with a hammer to break a fitting. It will crack and make the problem unfixable.



Use hanging toilet bowl cleaners inside the toilet bowl. They can break off and end up stuck in the trap of the toilet bowl.



Use cleaners containing bleach inside the tank. They will cause the rubber products to rapidly deterioration.



Put a brick, water jug, soda bottle or tank divider inside the toilet tank to try and save water. This will cause poor flushing which can lead to stoppages.