

When to Replace Your Toilet



There's a reason why people complain about not having enough peace and quiet in their bathrooms: they are one of the busiest rooms in a home with toilets being one of the most utilized fixtures. That's the case more than ever today with so many of us working remotely and kids participating in e-learning. Inevitably, there comes the day when it's time for a new toilet. Now, you can certainly replace parts like handles, flappers, and fill valves, but when your toilet is acting up frequently, repairing it can cost you money and time when it makes more sense to replace it.

Here are the telltale signs that you need a new toilet:

Your Toilet Keeps Swirling

Is it annoying when you flush the toilet and though the waste goes down, the water just keeps on swirling and swirling? If it has been doing this for a while, the jets are usually limed up due to the age of the toilet. If it has just started swirling and maybe even bubbling a little, it's typically a sign that your sewer is beginning to stop up. A clogged sewer line can cause raw sewage

backup to come up through your drains. When this happens, call your plumber to come out and rod the sewer.

It Clogs Often

It's possible something may be stuck in the toilet, like a bottle cap, rag, or piece of cardboard. If you're plunging your toilet more than once per week, that means your toilet may be on its last flush. Call your plumber to help you troubleshoot and determine the problem. Your toilet may be too old or have an inefficient low-flush system. Either way, it's time to replace it, and today's low flush toilets save water and really do function much better.

There are Porcelain Cracks

If you want to talk about a real porcelain nightmare, look no further than fine cracks that have formed in the tank or bowl of the toilet. They may be hairline cracks, but cracks can be the sources of active leaks, and leaks lead to floods, [as we've previously written](#). Cracks are warning signs that your toilet may break completely, so replace your toilet before you have to replace it *and* your bathroom floor.

Scratches are Visible

No good deed goes unpunished, and it's no different when you clean your toilet. Over time, scrubbing the toilet porcelain wears and tears it, and scratches ironically make it more difficult to clean. If you're cleaning the toilet more than you have to, it's probably time to buy a new one and reserve your elbow grease.

We'll Replace Your Toilet!

Replacing a toilet can be a big job for you, but it's something that Alan Tinker Plumbing & Rodding can help with. You can also replace your toilet with new styles, including elongated bowl, round front, and comfort height. The last thing you need is for your bathroom to be out of service. **Contact us, and we'll get back to you ASAP! Please follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn.**