Here are 7 ways to fix a clogged toilet without going to a plumber

There's nothing more inconvenient than a toilet clog. Maybe your toilet clogs just before you're set to leave your house. Even worse, you might be at someone else's house and their toilet clogs. No matter what the situation is, there are times when calling a plumber doesn't seem feasible. Moreover, it is understandable to not wish to invest in professional plumbing service if the clog can be easily removed by you. Check out these seven tips for removing a clog without calling a plumber, and remember to contact Candu Plumbing & Rooter for severe cases of clogs and any bathroom service needs.



These 7 methods will unclog your toilet without the help of a plumber:
Plunging is the classic method for clearing toilet clogs, and it is still the most effective if you can find a plunger nearby. Prior to purchasing a plunger, it is important to know the type of plunger you need. Whenever you have a toilet clog, you'll use a flange plunger-sometimes just called a plunger. This is the kind with the rubber flap or flange on the end that creates a perfect seal with the toilet drain. Plunge the plunger gently, repeating the procedure a few times while maintaining the tight seal. The clog should be removed if water gurgles down the drain. You may need a professional plumber if you are not able to clear up the clog after repeating this procedure several times.

Vinegar & Baking Soda: Mixing baking soda and vinegar is a classic method of unclogging a clogged toilet. If your toilet is clogged, you can add 1 cup of baking soda to it and let it sit for a few minutes. After that, pour two cups of vinegar in. Using slow pouring is crucial, as you don't want the bubbly, chemical reaction caused by these products to erupt out of your toilet.

After several minutes, flush the toilet and check if your clog has been cleared.

Snakes, also called augers, are tools used in plumbing to clear drain clogs. Anything from disposable plastic tools to complex metal devices can be considered a snake. If you have clogs in your toilet, choose a professional-grade plunger with a handle. Once you have located the clog, slowly turn the handle until you have punctured it. If the clog has been broken up, you should be able to flush again once you wind the snake back up. If you do not succeed the first time, try again. In the event that snaking your toilet doesn't work after several attempts, you should probably contact a plumber.

A little hot water and dish soap can be surprisingly effective in getting rid of toilet clogs. In the meantime, boil a gallon of water and squirt a little dish soap in your toilet bowl while you wait for it to boil. Put the water in your toilet, and ensure that there is no risk of it overflowing (obviously, this method only works if your toilet bowl is not full.) If the clog is softened, wait for a few minutes, and flush your toilet. Alternatively, if you don't want to leave the bathroom, you can use shampoo and hot water from the sink.

Clog-Free Using a Wet/Dry Vacuum: If you happen to have a wet/dry vacuum laying around you can use it to get rid of a clog if it is extremely severe. You will need to get your hands wet for this process to work, so put on rubber gloves before you start. Put canduplumbing.com hose directly into the toilet drain and wrap an old towel around it to create suction. Lastly, turn on the vacuum and hold it firmly in place until the clog is sucked out. Make sure that the vacuum is clean and sanitized after this process is completed. A side-note: Do not try this with a regular vacuum. The wet-dry vacuum is the only vacuum that offers the specific ability you need to get rid of a toilet clog.

If you need to clear up a clogged toilet urgently, there are several household items that you can use. A homemade plumbing snake can be made with straightened wires to remove drain clogs. If you're in a hurry, you can remove a clog with a toilet brush (just make sure the brush is disposed of or thoroughly cleaned later). Essentially, get creative. It is probably not the best option for your toilet, but times are tough and desperate measures must be taken.

Try a Bio-Cleaner: As any plumber will tell you, liquid drain cleaners tend to contain toxic chemicals, which can not only be ineffective but also harm your pipes over time. You can also pick up a bio-cleaner at a store. Although they are harder to find, these organic drain cleaners can be extremely effective for removing clogs if they haven't gotten too big, and they are safer for your plumbing system.