

# How to Replace a Toilet Flapper in 6 Easy Steps



## Replace Your Leaky Toilet Flapper

Is your toilet constantly running water? Do you have ghost flushes? Have you seen a recent increase in your water bill? You probably have a leak—and the culprit may be a faulty toilet flapper.

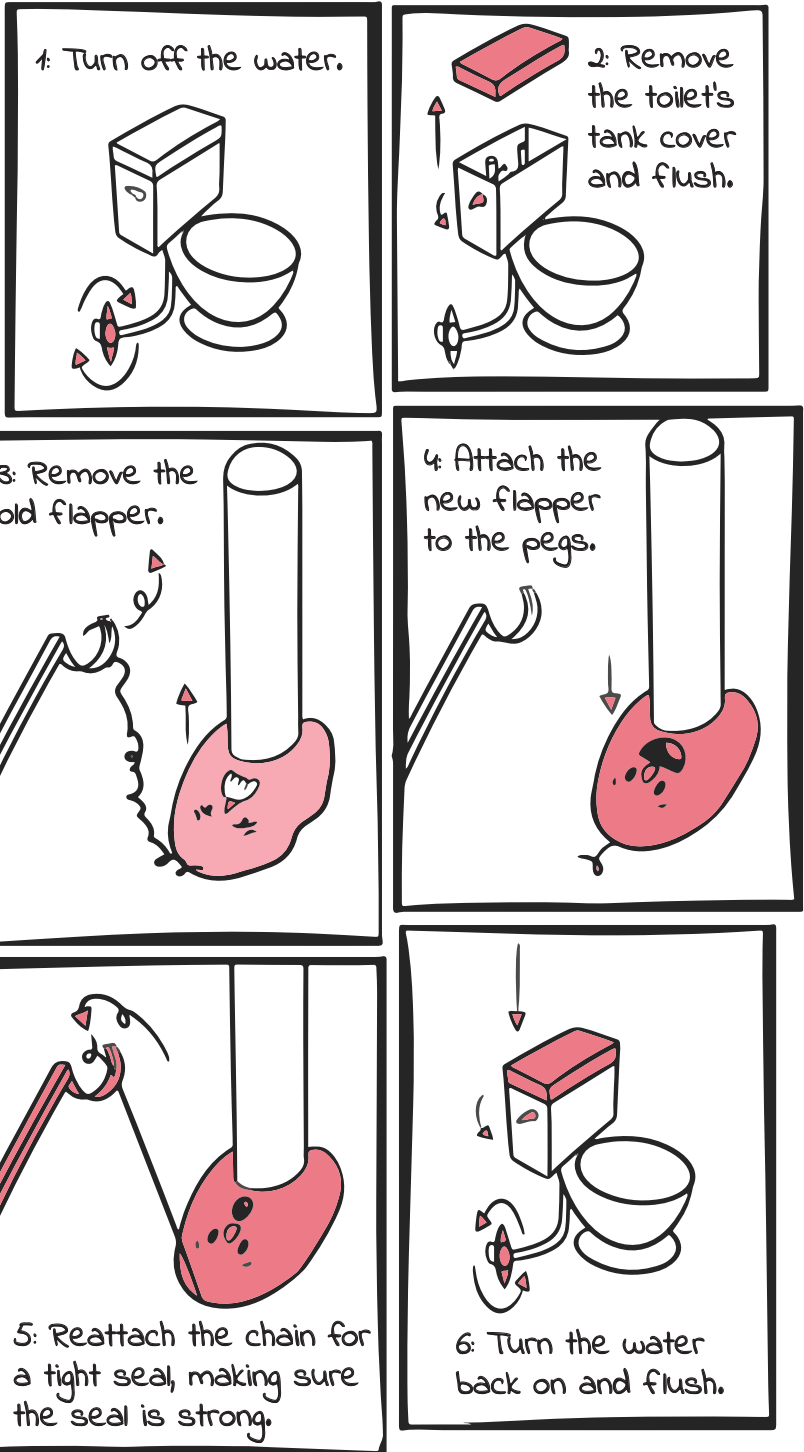
### What is a Toilet Flapper?

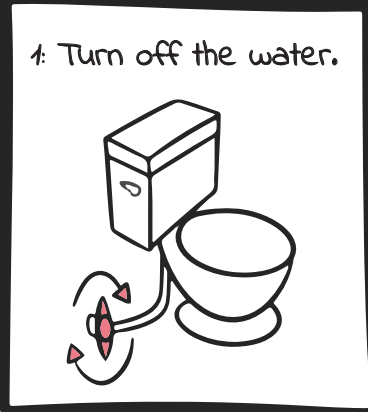
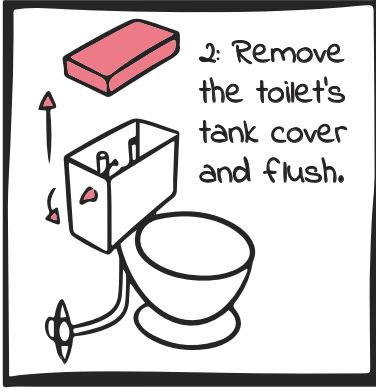
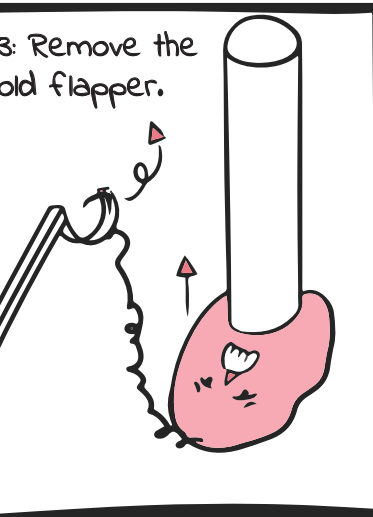
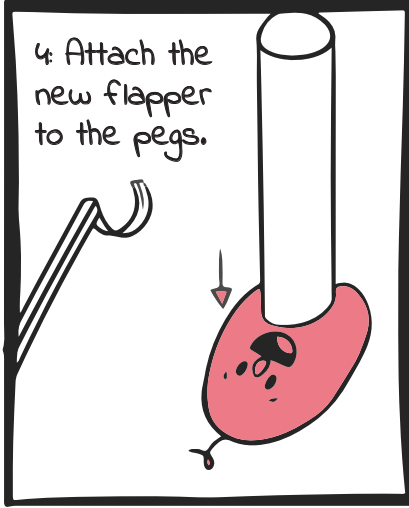
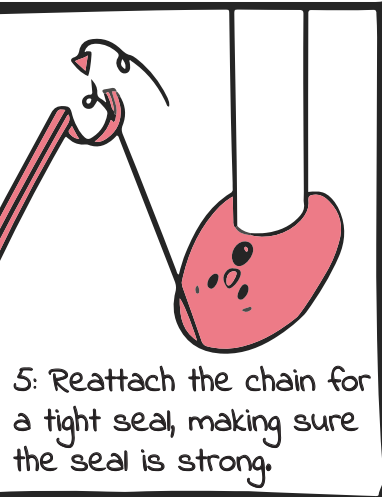
The flapper is the plug that falls against the drain hole on the bottom of the tank and holds water in. When you flush, the flapper lifts, allowing water to flow into the bowl. As the tank empties, the flapper lowers to block the opening, letting the tank refill.

Flappers usually last about 4-5 years, and as they wear out, they create a less than perfect seal, and leak. Not sure what to buy? Take your old flapper to the store and ask for help.

Save water by stopping leaks in your bathroom and all around your house.

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- 1: Turn off the water.** 
- 2: Remove the toilet's tank cover and flush.** 
- 3: Remove the old flapper.** 
- 4: Attach the new flapper to the pegs.** 
- 5: Reattach the chain for a tight seal, making sure the seal is strong.** 
- 6: Turn the water back on and flush.** 