



WATER CONSERVATION ALERT | EVERY DROP COUNTS

HOW TO FLUSH A TOILET WITH A BUCKET

Collected water can replace tap water for flushing. Choose one method: bowl or tank.

Before you begin

Standard gravity-fed toilets only. If the tank holds a sealed pressure vessel, ask your housing office before using either method.

Option 1: Pour into the bowl

No valve changes. The handle stays usable.



1. Prepare a manageable bucket

A gallon or two often works; the amount varies by toilet. Carry only what you can safely lift.



2. Pour to trigger the flush

Pour steadily into the bowl, then faster to trigger a flush. Avoid splashes. Stop if water rises without draining.



3. Restore the bowl water

Slowly add a little water if needed to restore the usual standing level. Do not use the handle as well.

Option 2: Refill the tank

Close the valve only for this method.



1. Close valve and empty tank

Close the supply valve beside or behind the toilet. Do not force it. Flush once to empty the tank.



2. Fill the tank

Lift the lid with both hands; set it flat on a towel. Add clear warm-up water to the marked line below the overflow tube.



3. Flush and reset

Replace the lid and use the handle. Slowly restore the bowl water level. Refill the tank by hand for the next use.

Tell your household and keep drains clear

For Option 2, label "Valve closed: refill tank by hand." Reopen the valve when you stop refilling by hand. No grease, food scraps, wipes, or cleaning chemicals in flushing water. Pour used dishwater down the sink drain, not into the toilet. Stop using a toilet that does not drain normally.

Report leaks or plumbing problems to your housing office. Not sure who that is? Ask your supervisor.

Stage 4 remains in effect. Use only the water you need.



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