

Toilet Unplugging with a Coat Hanger!

When the toilet gets plugged up and you have no plunger, try a coat hanger. This may work if the toilet bowl will slowly refill itself. Lift the toilet lid and hold up the float ball with part of a coat hanger. Or, turn the water off at the valve by the wall at the back of the toilet.

Next step - take another coat hanger and unbend it completely, except for the hook at the end. You've just made a drain auger or plumbing snake! Caution though - the hanger can scratch the porcelain in the bottom of the toilet.



The water trap in a toilet has a 90° turn. Push the coat hanger until it bends enough to make the turn. There will be some resistance as you do this. When you hit something very resistant, you've found the clog. Push and see if you can get the hanger through the clog, then pull it back into the bowl. Push and see if you can break up the clog and push it down the sewage line. Either way works.



To see if you've unclogged the clog, let the toilet tank fill up with water. Gently fill the toilet bowl by moving the flush handle. Add some more water to the bowl and see if it drains. When it will drain easily, your clog should be gone. The final check is a full flush. Good luck!