

# TOILET SERVICES

**Repair | Replacement | Installation | Upgrade**

From a simple flush issue to a full replacement, Bayshore Plumbers brings expert care and peace of mind to one of the most important fixtures in your home.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN OUR TECHNICIAN ARRIVES**

Here's what happens when our trusted technician visits your home for a toilet-related service:

1. **Initial Assessment & Diagnosis**
  - We inspect the toilet for visible leaks, running water, slow fill, loose mounting, or flushing issues
  - Check the condition of the **flush valve, flapper, fill valve, handle mechanism, and wax ring**
2. **Clear Explanation of the Problem**
  - You'll get a breakdown of what's wrong, whether it's a worn-out part, a misaligned wax seal, or a full-body crack
  - We explain all repair or replacement options, including cost and time estimate
3. **Service Execution**
  - For repairs: We'll replace internal tank components, reseal the base, or tighten bolts
  - For replacements: We'll remove the old toilet, inspect the flange and drain, and install the new fixture
  - Every job ends with a **flush test**, seal check, and cleanup
4. **Next Steps (if needed)**
  - If drainage issues persist, we may recommend a **camera inspection** or **closet auger snaking**
  - For aging plumbing or recurring problems, we may suggest a **water line or flange upgrade**

### **Time Estimate:**

- Standard repair: **45–60 minutes**
- Full replacement: **1.5–2.5 hours**

## **WHAT IS THIS SERVICE / FIXTURE FOR? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

A **toilet** is more than a convenience — it's a precision-engineered sanitation fixture. It combines water flow, pressure, and waste evacuation into one essential household function.

### **Key Components:**

- **Tank mechanisms** – control water intake and release

- **Wax ring** – seals the toilet base to the sewer pipe, preventing leaks and sewer gases
- **Toilet flange** – secures the toilet to the floor and connects to the drain line
- **Bowl & trapway** – channel and siphon waste into the main drain

### Why It Matters:

- A malfunctioning toilet can waste **gallons of water per day**, increase utility bills, and cause **hidden floor or ceiling damage**
- A poor seal or broken base may allow **sewer gases** to leak into the home
- Toilets are used **dozens of times per day** — even small issues become big fast

## REPAIR OR REPLACE? YOUR OPTIONS

Depending on the condition and age of the toilet, your technician may recommend:

- **Repair** – Replace flappers, fill valves, handles, or seals
- **Spot Repair** – Reseal base, tighten bolts, adjust water levels
- **Full Replacement** – Install a new toilet (standard height, comfort height, or ADA-compliant)
- **Upgrade** – Choose a modern, water-efficient, dual-flush, or wall-mounted unit

### COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS

Option	Pros	Cons	Budget	When Ideal	Time
<b>Repair</b>	Fast, inexpensive, uses existing toilet	May be short-term if toilet is aging	\$	Isolated issues with flushing or leaks	45–60 min
<b>Spot Repair</b>	Prevents leaks, improves alignment	Doesn't address tank or bowl problems	\$–\$\$	Rocking toilet, loose bolts, minor wax seal leaks	1–1.5 hrs
<b>Full Replace</b>	Brand-new fixture, clean look, stronger flush	Requires full removal and installation	\$\$–\$\$\$	Cracked tank/bowl, constant repairs, remodel	1.5–2.5 hrs
<b>Upgrade</b>	Improved performance, efficiency, comfort	Higher upfront cost, possible flange mods	\$\$\$	Remodels, water-saving goals, accessibility needs	2–3 hrs

## HOMEOWNER TIPS & TRICKS


Stay ahead of toilet troubles with these easy, proactive practices:

- **Listen for Running Water**  
If your toilet keeps running after a flush, it's likely a worn-out **flapper or fill valve** — replacing it saves water and money.

- **Use Gentle Cleaners**  
Avoid drop-in tank tablets. These can erode flappers and clog jets. Use mild bowl cleaners and scrub with a soft brush instead.
- **Tighten the Base Bolts Gently**  
If your toilet wobbles, hand-tighten the bolts under the caps — but don't overtighten! You could crack the porcelain.
- **Test for Leaks**  
Add a few drops of food coloring to the tank. If it appears in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that needs repair.
- **Don't Flush Non-Flushables**  
Even "flushable" wipes can clog over time. Stick to toilet paper only — your pipes will thank you.

**We'll Handle the Flush — So You Don't Have to Think Twice.**

Trust Bayshore Plumbers for reliable, respectful, and clean toilet service — from quick fixes to beautiful upgrades.

 **Call us today or book online** for same-day service options in the Mid-Peninsula Bay Area.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):**

### **1. When should I repair my toilet vs. replace it entirely?**

If your toilet has **minor issues** like a running tank, weak flush, or leaking base, a **repair is usually enough**. But if the toilet is **cracked, rocking, over 15 years old, or constantly needing service**, it's smarter and more cost-effective to replace or upgrade it.

### **2. How long does a toilet repair or replacement take?**

- **Standard repairs** (flapper, fill valve, or base seal): 45–60 minutes
  - **Full replacements**: 1.5 to 2.5 hours
- We always provide clear time estimates and keep your space clean and protected throughout the job.

### **3. What are the signs of a hidden toilet leak?**

Look for **running water sounds**, an unusually high water bill, **musty smells**, or water around the base. You can also **add food coloring to the tank** — if it appears in the bowl without flushing, you've got a leak that's wasting water.

### **4. Can you help me choose a more efficient or modern toilet?**

Absolutely. We install **comfort height, dual-flush, low-flow, and ADA-compliant toilets**, as well as stylish wall-mounted models. We'll walk you through options that fit your budget, style, and water-saving goals.

### **5. Why does my toilet keep wobbling or rocking?**

A rocking toilet usually means **loose floor bolts, a damaged wax ring, or flange issues**. We'll reseal, adjust, or replace components to stop the movement and prevent leaks or floor damage.

### **6. What should I avoid to protect my toilet's lifespan?**

- Skip drop-in tank tablets — they degrade rubber parts
- Don't flush wipes, even if labeled "flushable"
- Clean gently with soft brushes and mild cleaners
- Have minor leaks fixed early to avoid big repairs later