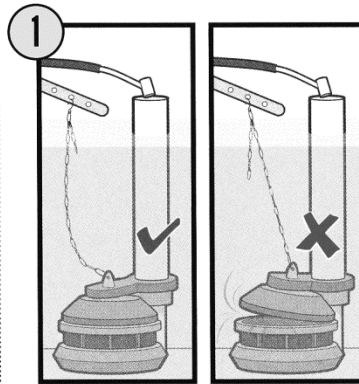
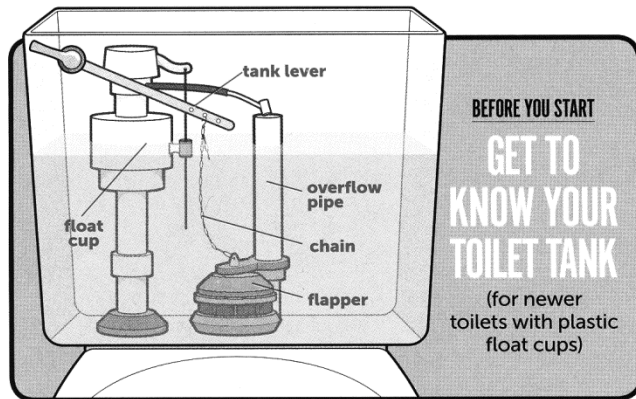
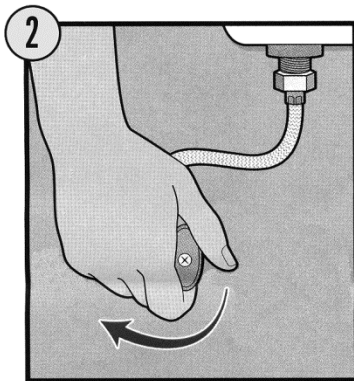


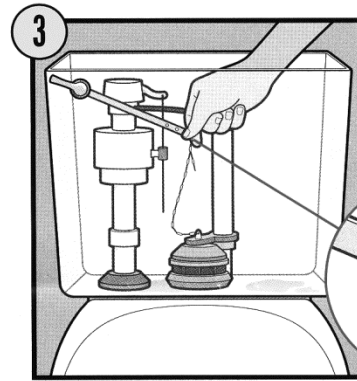
How to Fix a Running Toilet



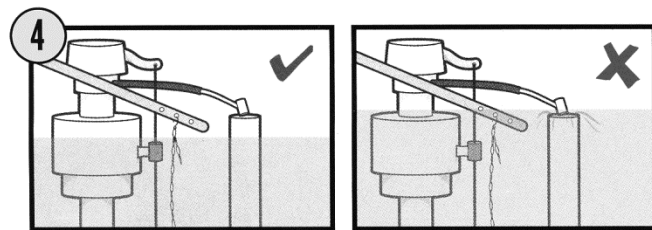
1 Check the flapper. Open the tank and make sure the flapper is sitting tight against the tank's bottom. If it's loose, it's probably because the chain doesn't have enough slack, so water continues to flow into the bowl, making the toilet run. If the flapper's OK, skip to step 4.



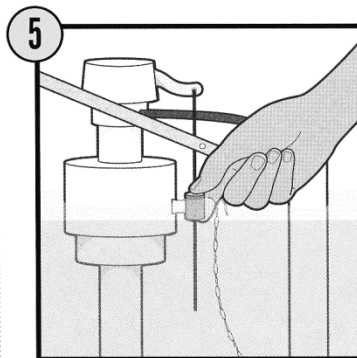
2 Turn off the water. Twist the shutoff valve behind the toilet, then flush to drain any remaining water.



3 Adjust the length of the flapper's chain. Reach into the tank and rehook the chain on the tank lever—it should be just long enough that the flapper lies flat. Turn the water back on. If the toilet's still running, go to step 4.



4 Check the overflow pipe. Take a look at the overflow pipe, which drains excess water when the tank fills too high. (If you turned off the water in step 2, wait until the tank fills back up.) The water level should be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to 1 inch below the top of the pipe.



5 Adjust the float cup. If the water level is too high, slide the float cup closer to the bottom of the tank. (Most float cups have a little clip that you squeeze to move.) This will cut off the water before it rises high enough to cover the overflow pipe, and it should stop the toilet from running.