

# STEVE SAYS HOW TO...

## UNCLOGGING A TOILET

Try a toilet plunger if drain cleaner has not removed the clog. The plunger is positioned over the hole at the bottom of the bowl and pushed up and down several times to burp the clog through. If you have not positioned the rubber on the plunger right some water may splash on the surrounding area.

The proper way to use a plunger is:

- Make sure there is only enough water to cover the plunger cup.
- Use petroleum jelly on the rim of the cup for a tight fit.
- Insert the plunger at an angle so no air is trapped under the cup.
- 1 to 20 forceful strokes, holding the plunger upright and pumping vigorously.
- Repeat several times to burp the entire clog through.



If it is a major clog a toilet eel with a padded end is best to use. Place the padded end in the toilet bowl. Work it in the hole and push the handle down and turn it to push the clog through.

If the above methods fail to work then the problem may be further down the line, in which case it's probably time to call your local friendly plumber.