Unclog a Toilet Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Necessary Items**

☐ **A Plunger.**

☐ **A Bucket .**

☐ **Disposable Gloves.**

☐ **An Auger**

*This versatile tool clears out drain clogs for both tubs and toilets (a hand auger and a toilet auger, respectively). ;You may not need an auger to remove this clog, but chances are it will come in handy.*

☐ **Rags, towels, or a mop in case of overflowing.**

☐ **Using the Plunger**

☐ **Remove any overflowing or excess water with the bucket**

☐ **Grab the handle of the plunger and push into the toilet.**

☐ **Ensure plunger cap fits securely over the toilet drain opening.**

☐ **Plunge back and forth quickly**

*You should feel some resistance from the suction cap.*

☐ **Keep plunging until the clog is cleared; toilet will flush automatically.**

☐ **Carefully pour a bucket of water into the toilet bowl to clear any debris.**

☐ **Repeat the process until the toilet is unclogged, or use the auger.**

☐ **Using the Toilet Auger**

☐ **A toilet auger consists of a long handle and crank**

*There is a plastic sleeve at the crank bend in order to prevent scratching the toilet basin.*

☐ **Loosen the auger's setscrew.**

☐ **Push the cable into the drain until it stops.**

*You've found the clog!*

☐ **Start tightening the setscrew and continue until ;you have approximately 6 inches of cable between the pipe and auger.**

☐ **Too much cable will cause the coil to kink, and won't be effective in removing the clog.**

☐ **Turn the auger clockwise and push through**

☐ **The auger may clear the obstruction or snag whatever it is that's clogging the drain.**

☐ **If the auger snags the clog, pull it out and test the toilet by flushing to ensure the pipe is clear.**

☐ **When to Call a Professional**

☐ **You can't clear the obstruction with the plunger or auger.**

☐ **The auger pulled out an obstruction, but the toilet continues to fill slowly or not at all.**

☐ **The toilet continues to overflow or simply stops working.**

☐ **The toilet becomes clogged again almost immediately with no ;discernible ;cause.**