

Checklist: Don't Be Afraid of Toilet Repair in Snelville

Blog: Your Checklist for Buying the Right Toilet

You've probably shopped for home goods including furniture, curtains, and kitchen appliances, but what about toilets? It's not something most people give much thought. If your toilet needs repairs and your plumber suggests it might be time for a replacement, you'll need some tips to pick the right one, so you don't end up with toilet buyer's remorse. Because it's easy to take back a coat you don't like, but it's harder to return a toilet.

Here's a checklist to make your shopping easier.

- **Consider toilet height.** If you think all toilets are the same height, think again. As people demand more comfort for their homes in all areas, that includes their restroom throne. Standard height is what we're all used to, but you can also get "comfort height," which is two or three inches taller. You might need to sit on one before you can determine whether it's the right height for you, but many find it to be more comfortable than standard toilets.
- **Think about whether you want one-piece or two-piece.** Most people have two-piece models and are perfectly happy with them. If you consider an alternative, it's important to note that one-piece toilets are easier to clean because they don't have a seam where the tank and bowl meet. They also have a smooth profile which might look better in a high-end or contemporary bathroom. Cost is also a consideration as the one-piece models are more expensive.
- **Decide on water-saving options.** Toilets use significantly less water than in years past. If you are replacing an older model, it might surprise you how much less a new one uses. You can go the extra mile and consider a water conserving or a dual flush toilet to use even less.
- **There's a bad smell that won't go away.** Regular cleaning, correctly using and running the disposal, and only putting appropriate items down the drain should prevent odors. If you have a persistent and unpleasant smell coming from your disposal that you can't get rid of, you should call in a plumber. They can disassemble the appliance and remove whatever stinks.
- **Choose a bowl shape.** Elongated bowls are gaining popularity because they tend to be more comfortable and roomier than a round bowl. They are two or three inches longer than round bowls, so if space is an issue, or you have small children, a round bowl might be a better choice.