

Selecting the right toilet for your home starts with a common language. Below you'll find helpful information for planning and discussing your project. Save valuable time (and money) by familiarizing yourself with these terms before visiting a Frank Webb Home showroom.

Tips to Consider

Avoid disappointment and added cost by planning in advance. When designing a new bathroom, homeowners often wait until their rough plumbing is installed behind the wall to actually shop for a new toilet. Some options, such as wall-hung toilets, require plumbing to be done differently. In the case of a replacement toilet, the plumbing will already be in place. It's important to share what stage your project is in with your showroom consultant so you select from options that are appropriate for your situation. If you are committed to a particular style, consult a showroom before the plumbing is done.

Consider your priorities.

Is the style and look of a new toilet your top priority, or do you want to make sure you select a self-cleaning model? Is water conservation a high priority for you? Are you interested in the health benefits of a bidet toilet or washlet seat? Feel free to ask questions while at the showroom so your consultant can guide you to options that address your top priorities.



Terms to Understand

Toilet Bowl

The bowl of a toilet that is flushed with water.

Toilet Tank

The top of the toilet, which stores the water pre-flush. It includes the flush valve, which lets water stream into the bowl during the flush; and the fill valve, which refills the tank after each flush.

Toilet Seat

This seat attaches to the toilet bowl. You will typically purchase this separately from the toilet itself.

One-Piece Toilet

A one-piece toilet combines both the tank and bowl as one seamless design to allow for easy cleaning.

Two-Piece Toilet

The two-piece toilet is the standard and has a separate bowl and tank that are bolted together during installation.

Wall-Mount Toilet

Originating in Europe, wall-mounted toilets function the same way as standard toilets, but the tank is hidden behind the wall. These offer more contemporary styling and are a great solution for smaller spaces. Plan ahead for a wall-mount toilet as they require different plumbing.

Skirted Toilet

A skirted toilet does not have an exposed trapway (the snakelike tubing toward the back and sides of your toilet through which the water flows). With the trapway concealed behind a smooth "skirt," cleaning is much easier.

Elongated-Front

An elongated toilet bowl is oval, with the front extending a couple of extra inches, providing more comfort for the user.



Round-Front

A round-front toilet bowl is closer to a true circle and is great for smaller spaces or powder rooms.

Comfort Height

Comfort Height or Right Height toilets feature a taller rim, measuring 17 inches high. Taller people find this a more "comfortable" height. Elderly persons or those with mobility problems may also find this style toilet to be preferred. The height of a toilet is a very personal decision, as children or shorter family members may find it more challenging to use a taller toilet.

Gallons Per Flush (GPF)

The amount of water used per flush. The current maximum allowed by law is 1.6 GPF, though newer models use as little as 1.0 gallons per flush.

High-Efficiency Toilet (HET)

High-efficiency toilets are perfect for those who are focused primarily on water conservation. Most HETs use 1.28 gallons per flush, however, a few use even less. It is important to discuss water savings and performance with your showroom consultant to assure you get the model that's right for you.

Flushing Type

There are two flushing types: single flush and dual flush. A single-flush toilet, the standard flushing system, uses the same amount of water for each flush. A dual-flush toilet provides two choices: a "half-flush" for liquids and a full flush for solids. There are typically two buttons or levers to operate the dual flush.

Hands-Free Flushing

When your hand passes by a motion sensor on a hands-free toilet, it automatically flushes, eliminating the need to touch the toilet to engage the flushing mechanism.

Bidet Toilets and Washlets

Bidets and washlets have been popular in Europe and around the world for years. They are now catching on in the U.S. Washlets and bidets help you clean yourself after using the toilet with jets of water. A bidet is traditionally a porcelain stand-alone fixture typically located next to the toilet. A washlet is a seat with similar cleaning features that can be added to a traditional toilet or comes attached to certain toilet models. With a greater emphasis on aging in place design, bidets and washlets are becoming more common options when designing a bathroom.

Self-Cleaning Toilets

Self-cleaning toilets eliminate the need to do one of the most undesirable chores in the home. Every flush in a self-cleaning toilet helps to keep the bowl free of grime, germs and stains. Some use cleaning solutions and superior flushing technology, yet others utilize ultra-violet light and electrolyzed water.

Smart Toilets

These electronic toilets typically have a remote control and perform "smart" functions. They open and close automatically, and some have lighting, heated seats, self-cleaning capabilities as well as bidet features.



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