

What to do if there's a **RAT** in the toilet

First, try to stay calm.



Put down the lid and flush.

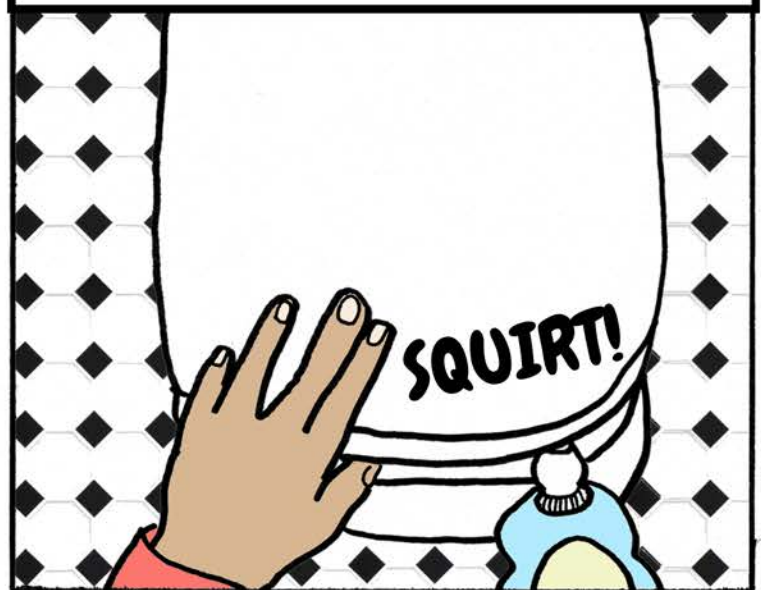


If that doesn't work, hurry to the kitchen—and shut the bathroom door!

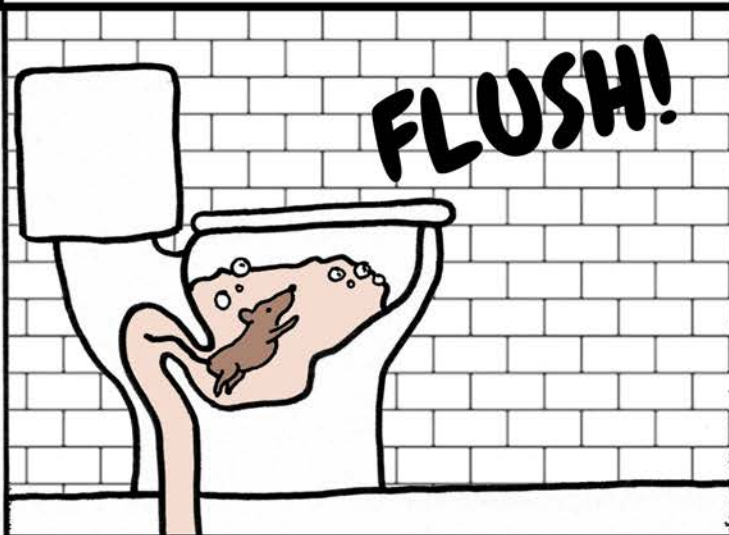
Get a bottle of dish soap. This is your new best friend.



Crack the lid and squirt the soap into the toilet.



The soap makes the rat slide down when you flush. It may take many flushes.



A large rat may not flush back down. If this happens, keep the lid closed and call a pest control company.

If it escapes, close the door and set a trap.



Why rats come up your toilet:

#1 They smell food or grease

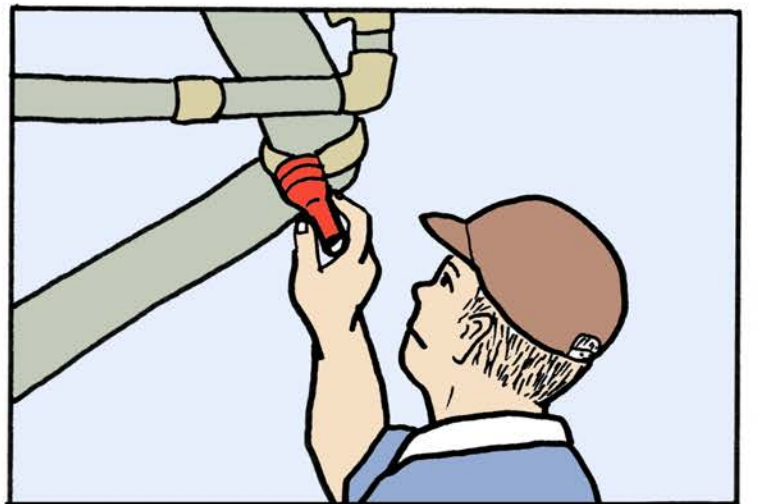


Keep your drains clean.



#2 Old sewers and plumbing make it easier for them to get in

#3 Flooding or high water in the sewer systems after heavy rain



To report a problem with rats, call Public Health at 206-263-9566* or go to kingcounty.gov/rats (in English).

Call a plumber to inspect your side sewer and toilet connections.

*** Interpreter services available by stating language when connected**