



To stop the leaking is easy, and I would suggest doing this immediately. Turn off the toilet shut off valve found below the tank (see picture).

If you still have water accumulation behind your toilet, you will probably want to call a professional plumber. More than likely you have a crack in your ceramic toilet or (even worse) your plumbing pipes are leaking. Both fixes are fairly involved and time-consuming, so you're best bet is to have a professional take a look.

If the toilet stops dripping after you shut the toilet shut off valve off, great! At that point you'll have to do some investigating. Since the tank won't get refilled with water at this point, flush your toilet and let all the water drain out of your tank. Once that's done, take a good look at everything. Use these questions to help you

figure out where the plumbing problem lies:

1. Are the rubber seals intact or are they in poor shape?
2. Do I have any visible cracks in the ceramic tank?
3. Do I have any cracks in the plastic or metal pieces in the tank?
4. Where is the leak coming from? Is it coming from the bottom of the tank or the toilet valve itself?

If you see issues with #1-3 above, go to your local home supplies store, purchase the appropriate parts and replace them. Most of those installations should take a fairly handy person less than an hour and a less handy person a couple of hours. Simply follow the directions that came with the items you bought.

If you have an issue with #4 above and your leaks are coming from the bottom of the tank or the toilet valve itself, I would recommend contacting a professional for your plumbing needs. You could potentially need to replace your toilet flange which involves taking your entire toilet off the floor, or you could have serious issues with your pipes.

In the meantime, locate your main supply line and shut it off. This will shut off all water in your house, but it's better to have no water than to have water leaking through your walls and ceilings.