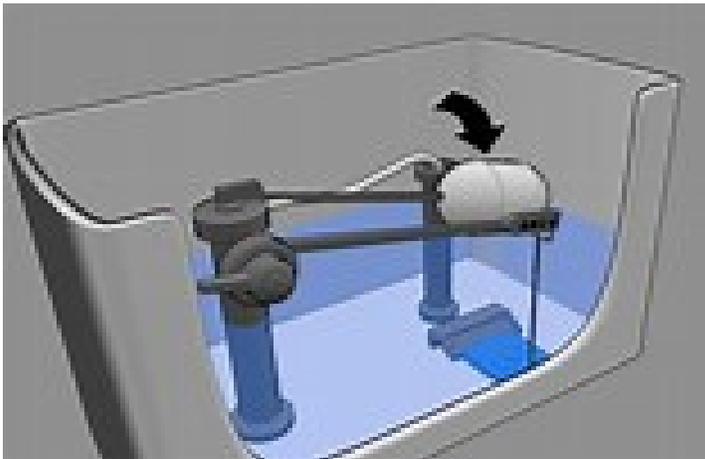


## **ADVANCED: Must know 3 out of 5**

### **1. Knows how to stop toilet from running**

1. Jiggle the handle of the toilet. It could just be stuck.
2. Disconnected flushing mechanism in the toilet tank: Is the chain still attached? Is the flapper or mechanism damaged?
  - **Tank Flapper** is the rubber flapper at the bottom of the toilet tank.
  - If this is disconnected or damaged it can lead to water seeping out around it, causing the toilet to continue to run.



**If doing these steps do not fix your running toilet, call your landlord, or a plumber to assess repair.**

Information found at: <https://www.todayshomeowner.com/video/repairing-a-running-toilet/>

## **2. Can identify chores that should be done on a regular basis but don't need to be done every day**

### **What is a chore?**

The regular or daily light work of a household

<b>Everyday</b>	<b>Occasionally</b>
Make bed	Take out the garage
<b>Put Things in Their Place</b>	Dust / Sweep
Clean Up Spills, Dirt, and Other Messes (As Needed)	Vacuum / Mop
Dishes: wipe down kitchen after cooking.	Wipe down appliances
Deal with Your Mail	Laundry
Do a Quick Wipe-Down of Kitchen / Bathroom Surfaces	Clean the bathroom
Pet Care	Change bed linens
Basic Meal Prep	Clean out the fridge
	Cooking: meal prep.

## Chores Checklist

DAILY HOUSEHOLD CHORES							
Chores	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Pick-up clutter							
Pick up toys							
Put things away							
Put dirty dishes in sink							
Dirty clothes in Hamper							
Clear and wipe table							
Throw trash away							
Sweep (Daily)							
Do Dishes (Daily)							
Wipe stove, frig, counter							
Make beds							
Do some laundry							
Fold & Put away laundry							
Wipe toilet, sink, tub							
Cook meals							
Feed & water the pet							

### 3. Knows how and when to reset a circuit breaker

#### What is a circuit breaker?

A circuit breaker switch automatically interrupts electrical flow in a circuit in case of an overload or short, helping to prevent electrical fires

#### When to reset a circuit breaker:

- When the power goes out unexpectedly
- When you blow a fuse
- When your neighbors have power and you don't

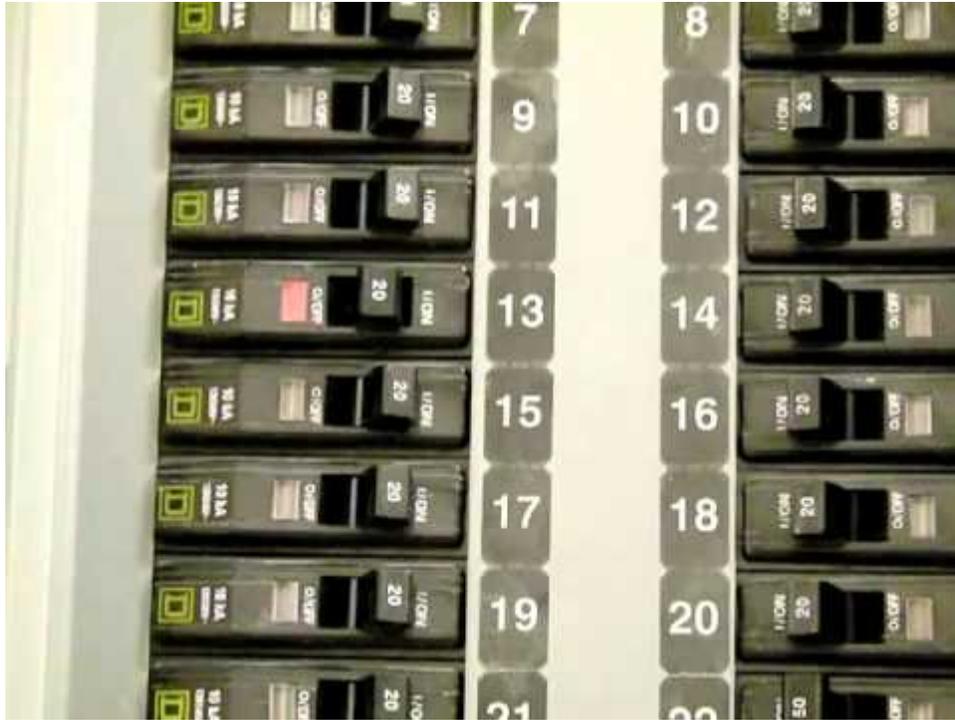
#### How to reset a circuit breaker:

1. Turn off all lights and unplug a few appliances in the room or rooms that have lost power. If you recently added a new appliance to the room, like a vacuum, make sure you unplug it. This is important because if you leave everything on and you've overloaded the circuit, it's possible to blow your fuse or breaker all over again once you restore power!
2. Locate and open your electrical panel. It's usually found in the basement or in a utility room / closet.
3. Always use caution. Electricity can be dangerous, so make sure your hands are dry and you're standing on a dry surface at all times when working on your electrical panel. If you're not familiar with your electrical panel, or don't feel comfortable at any time, contact your landlord or an experienced professional to help you.
4. For circuit breakers: Look for a breaker that has moved from the "on" position to the "off" position, or is halfway between the two. First, move the breaker to the full "off" position, and then move it to the full "on" position. This will restore power to that circuit.
5. Plug in one or two electrical appliances and turn them on to test your new fuse or reset breaker.



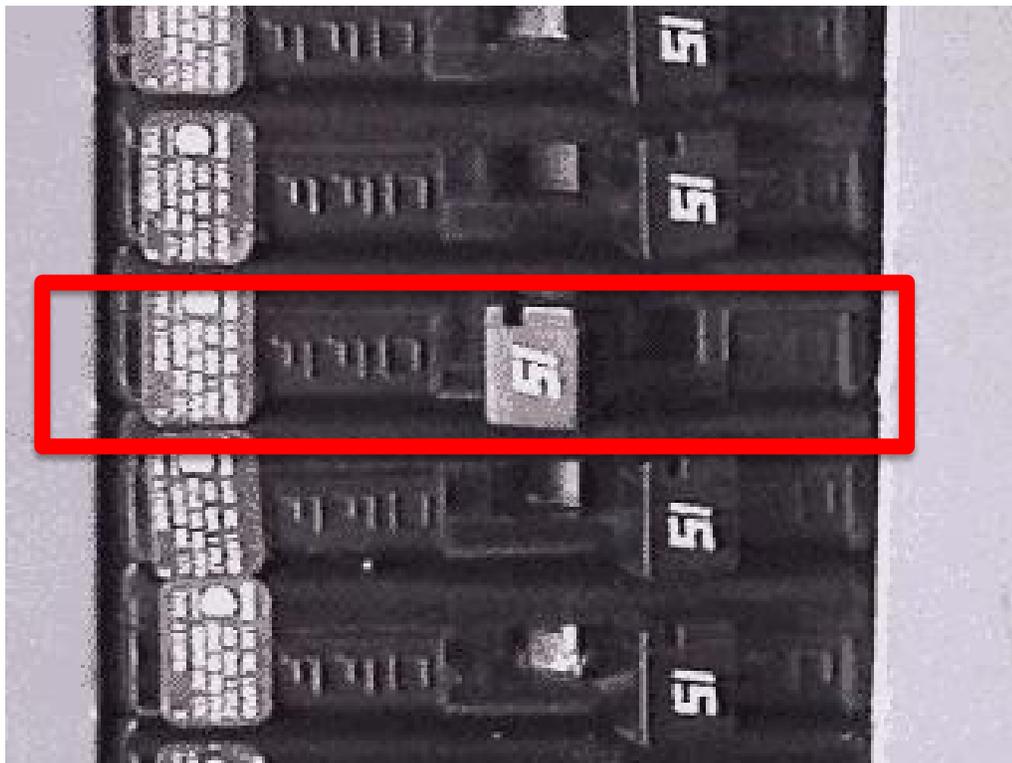
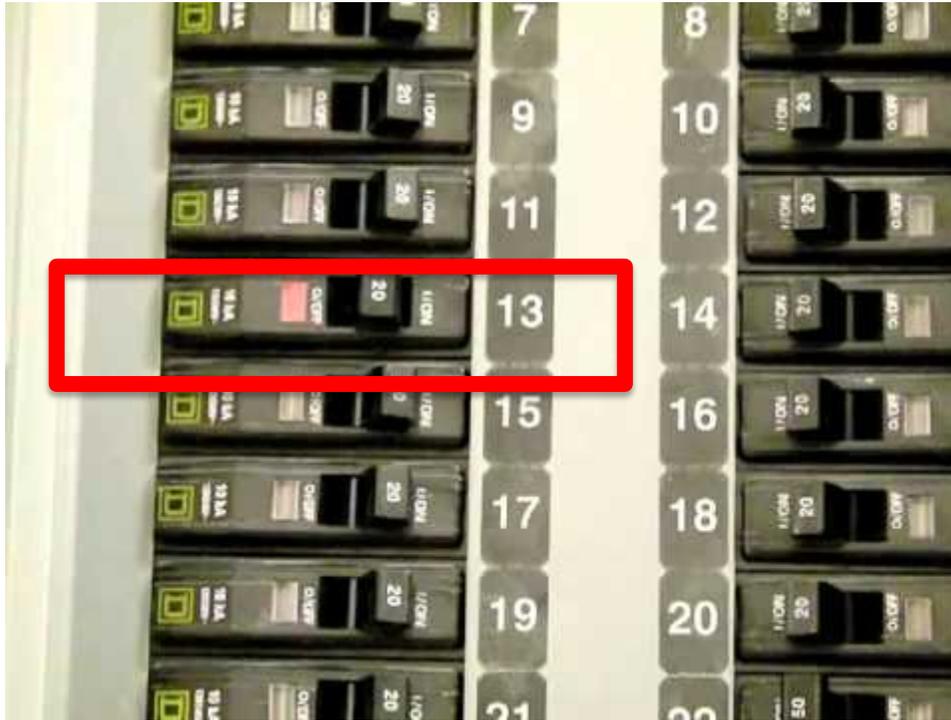
Practice Worksheet:

Select which circuit you will need to flip to get power back



Answer Worksheet:

Select which circuit you will need to flip to get power back



- **Knows how to conserve energy and water**

Low-income households may qualify for assistance programs to help pay utility bills. Contact the PUCO at (800) 686-PUCO (7826) for more information about the available assistance and the income guidelines to qualify.

**Electricity Tips:**

- Turn off lights, computer and appliances when not in use. When leaving a room make sure everything is turned off.
- Use appliances that produce heat during the night: oven, dishwasher, and dryer.
- Use energy efficient light bulbs.

**Summer cooling**

- During the day, block the heat from the sun by closing windows, doors and curtains.
- Install a programmable thermostat.
- To save money on cooling costs turn the thermostat to 80 degrees or higher when you are sleeping or away from home. Raising the temperature by 5 degrees for eight hours can reduce your cooling costs.
- Check your air conditioning system. Your air conditioning can be extremely inefficient if it is not working properly. Change your filter monthly. A dirty AC filter can make it harder for your AC to pump air, increasing energy costs.
- Properly seal windows, doors and cracks.

**Winter heating**

- Keep the thermostat set to 68 degrees, and set it back even more when you are sleeping or away from your home.
- Properly seal windows, doors and cracks.



**6 tips to save electricity**

1	• Replace standard lightbulbs with CFLs	4	• Use power strips to switch off more items together and don't leave them in standby
2	• Sleep your computer when you are not using it	5	• Use task lighting over desks or tool benches without illuminating entire rooms
3	• Turn off lights when you are not using them, even for just a few minutes	6	• Put lamps in the corner of the room so that light is reflected on two walls

## Water Tips:

- Take short showers instead of baths. Baths use 5-15 more gallons of water than showers.
- Save water by installing a low-flow showerhead and limiting your shower time to five minutes.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, and use only a partially filled sink to rinse your razor while shaving.
- Use a bucket instead of running water to mop the floor. Also, a sponge mop will use less water than a string mop.
- Repair leaky faucets and toilets to avoid wasting hundreds of gallons of water each week.

More information: <https://www.puco.ohio.gov/be-informed/consumer-topics/energy-and-water-conservation-tips/>

# Play your part, be water smart!

## Wise Water Use



**Save it, or do without it!**

- **Knows how to get rid of and avoid roaches, ants, mice, etc.**

Pests and rodents aren't simply an annoyance- they can severely affect your health and the health of your family. This is why bug and insect prevention is critical in protecting homes, businesses, schools and any other place where human beings live, work or play from a pest infestation.

Here are some general tips to prevent household pests and rodents from entering your home:

- Seal cracks and holes on the outside of the home including entry points for utilities, pipes and cabinets.
- Clean regularly and properly store food items. Clean dirty dishes and properly storing all your food. Crumbs and sticky surfaces can draw pests, so it is important to clean off the surfaces in your kitchen. Invest in airtight food containers or bags to that seal for any leftovers or pantry staples like flour or sugar. Store fruit in the refrigerator to keep pest's away as well.

Regular sweeping and mopping can be helpful in eliminating food sources for pests.

- Bugs are attracted to environments with lots of water, so it's important to keep your apartment as dry as you possibly can. Check for any standing water in your bathtub or sink, and look under your faucets for any signs of dripping or leakage.
- Use appropriate store bought traps and disposal techniques for the identified pest. Consider safety of yourself and children and seek professional assistance for infestations.
- Call a qualified pest professional for additional advice and treatment if necessary.

