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## How To Remove & Replace An Old Toilet Seat

Though the job of changing a toilet seat is a simple one, there are times, as described below, when the task takes on a new dimension, due to the fact that the seat bolts are virtually welded in place and must be sawed off before the new seat can be installed.

### Utensils

Adjustable pliers  
Hacksaw with fine-tooth blade  
Roll of masking tape

### Ingredients

Petroleum jelly  
New toilet seat

### Approximate Time: 30 To 45 Minutes

- Note first that the seat is held in place by two bolts at rear.
- With pliers, loosen the nuts on these bolts.
- If nuts are frozen and will not turn, follow this alternate procedure before continuing, beginning with the bolt on your right.
  - Raise seat.
  - Clean hacksaw blade thoroughly and tape right side of blade.
  - Smear the tape with a coat of petroleum jelly. (The tape and lubricant will insure against damage to the fixture.)
  - Lay the blade flat, taped side down (Fig. 78A), saw through bolt (Fig. 78B), and remove.
  - Remove tape and clean the blade.
  - Now place strip of tape on left side of blade and lubricate as before.
  - Cut away and remove bolt.
- Once the bolts have been removed, clean area thoroughly.
- Remove nuts and washers from bolts on new seat.
- Lubricate new bolts with petroleum jelly.
- Insert bolts through seat holes.
- Once the bolts are through, place a washer on each.
- Screw nuts onto bolts by hand in clockwise direction, and then using pliers, tighten a half turn. Do not overtighten - you never know when you'll need to remove them again.

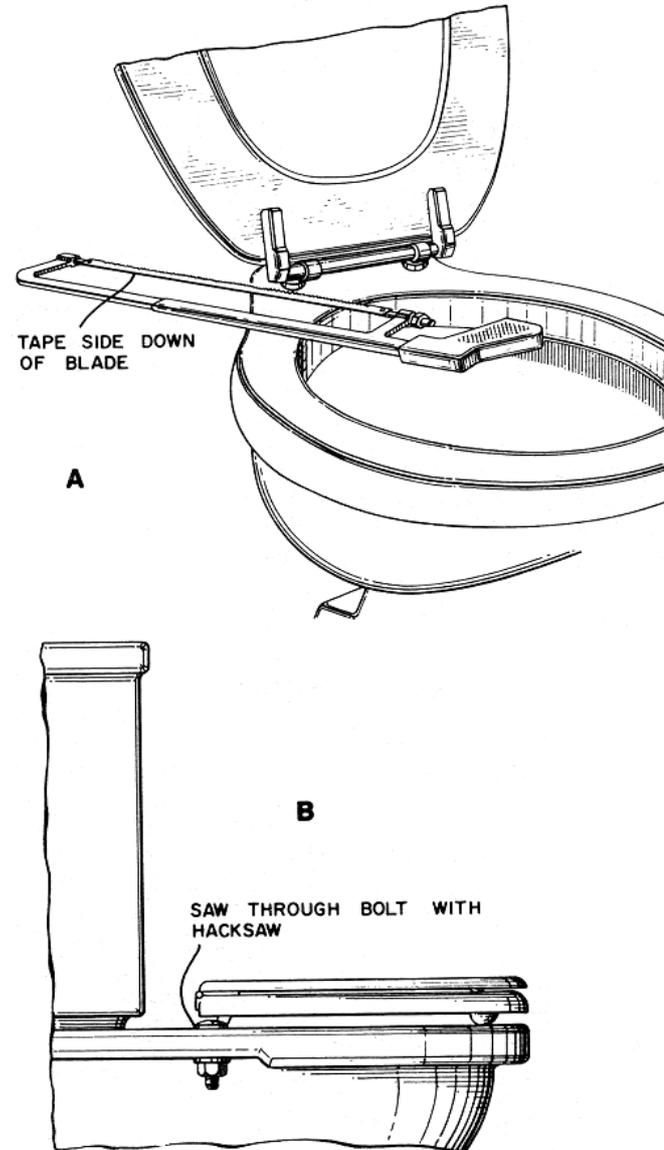


Figure 78.  
Removing an Old Toilet Seat