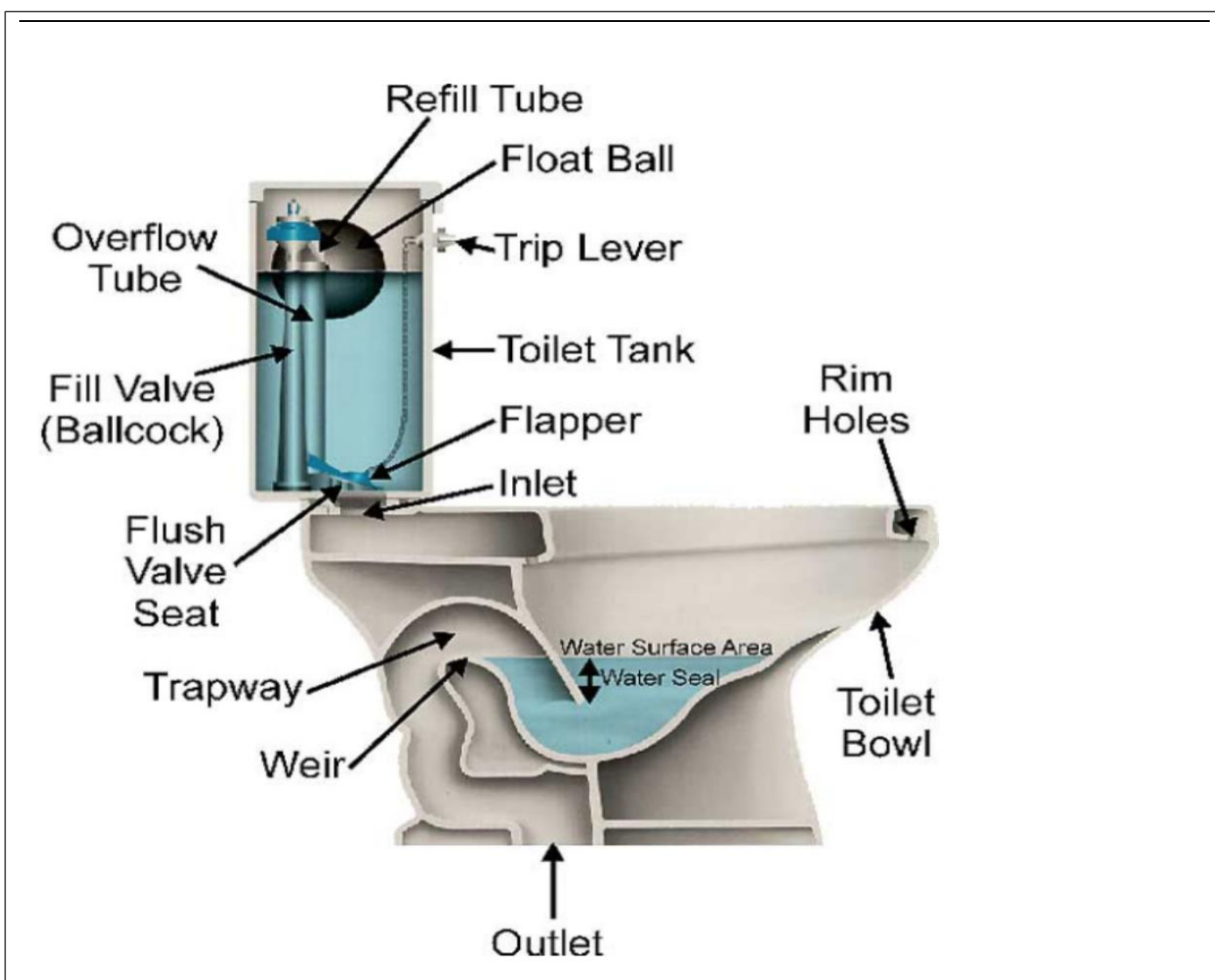


Toilet Workings by Finn Home Inspectors



The toilet has its own sewer gas trap built into the toilet. The water you see in the bowl is one side of the trap. You can see the trap is shaped like the traps you see under a sink and act to keep sewer gas from coming up into the room.

If the toilet is secured well to the floor, does not move side to side when pushed on, then the seal at the outlet will not be compromised. However, if the toilet does move, the seal may be broken at the toilet Outlet and sewer gas can enter the house from under the toilet.

A toilet that moves side to side should be removed, floor checked for damage, a new seal installed, and the toilet reinstalled securely to the floor. Securing to the floor must be done carefully for overtightening can break the toilet.

The tank on the back of the toilet is the reservoir of water to flush the toilet. It has a float that opens and closed a valve to fill or stop filling the tank after flushing. At the bottom of the tank the Flapper is what lifts up when you activate the flush, allowing water to gush into the Toilet Bowl and create a flush through the Trap/Trapway.