

Sanitation Tips

In times of disaster, sanitation concerns need to be addressed **immediately. Be prepared!**

1. If you are sheltering in place, turn off the water to the house/toilet if you suspect any kind of water-main contamination. That way you preserve the good water still in tanks.
2. Indoor facilities:
 - a. Turn off the water to the toilet. The handle is near the floor on the wall. Remove the water if you want to. Save it for non-sanitary needs, like the handy-dandy washing bucket we are all going to make.
 - b. Place a heavy-duty trash can liner inside your existing toilet.
 - c. Place a secondary smaller but strong bag inside the liner.
 - d. Use until someone poops, then tie up the inside bag and place in an outdoor trash can.
 - e. Replace the inside liner.
 - f. Also, you may extend the use of a single liner by adding a scoop of Kitty Litter.

Items to Consider Storing

1. Wipes
2. Hand Sanitizer
3. Toilet Paper
4. Paper Towels
5. Sanitary supplies
6. Wastebasket liners
7. Heavy-duty trash bags



If you have young children in the home, you may need to tape down the toilet seat or lock the bathroom doors of those toilets not prepared for emergency use.

3. RV:
 - a. If you have a camp trailer or RV with a chemical toilet, use it as long as you can.
 - b. You can also “equip” the RV facility in the same manner as an inside toilet, with a heavy-duty trash can liner plus a smaller heavy-duty inside bag. This may keep smells out of the house.
4. Yard:
 - a. Choose a location and dig a pit.
 - b. Each time you poop, add a shovel-full of soil or sawdust. Within a year it will compost.
 - c. Build or buy a temporary tent structure for privacy outside and place a 5-gallon bucket with a toilet seat inside. Use plastic bags, with or without Kitty Litter.



Left, 5-gallon bucket with a toilet seat.
Right, Luggable Loo

5. Bag Sizes to use an existing toilet:

Large trash-can liner in case of misses or leaks placed inside FIRST.

Wastebasket-sized liner to go inside that. Use a 24"x24" bag—a 10-gallon size.*

Kirkland brand (Costco) has a 23x25 size that may work fine. Member's Mark (Sam's Club) has a 24x24 size.

* This size also works well lining a 5-gallon bucket.



6. Some camp toilet styles:



7. Some Privacy tent styles:



This "Pop-Up Pod" has no floor or windows. Inexpensive and gets the job done for about \$25. It measures 5'9" high.



Above: This Wolfwise privacy tent has a mesh screen attached floor and pockets. It can be used for toilets, showers, or changing into a swimsuit. \$79.00 75-inches tall.



This Texsport privacy/shower combo has a detachable floor and comes with a shower bag that hangs outside to warm during the day and hangs up inside for use. Dual purpose tent. Costs about \$125. It's 7'3" high.