

## Toilet with Plastic Bags for Emergency Sanitation!



If the water quits running, your flush toilet will not flush. Instead of loading that toilet with unflushable feces and urine, there's a much healthier alternative: Big plastic garbage bags. 30-gallon size work well.

The first step is to be sure that the running water is definitely off. Once you know this, turn off the water valve that supplies water to your toilet.

Next, you need a clean toilet to start with. You'll need enough water to flush it if there are any feces or urine in it. Add water to the toilet tank if needed. This water doesn't have to be good, drinkable water. Flush the toilet.

Use absorbent materials to get all the water out of the toilet bowl. Rubber gloves recommended; wash afterwards; the water is contaminated.

Put up the toilet seat and lid. Open a large plastic garbage bag, and put another large plastic garbage bag in it. Just to be safe, put a third plastic garbage bag in, so you have a bag three bags thick. Put the bottom of the bag into the toilet bowl. Drape the rest of the bag over the edges of the toilet. Put the toilet seat and lid down.

After anyone deposits feces into the bag, take a teaspoon of baking soda and sprinkle it on the mess. Tie the bag securely shut. Open, add to, and close the bag until it is full enough. Remove the bag, tie it very tightly, and store it outside your living quarters in a safe place—a metal garbage can with a weighted lid comes to mind. Once the emergency is over you can ask health officials about their preferred way to dispose of the bags.

Using the plastic bag method for sewage disposal should cut down the possibility of disease from sewage generated in your own home. Imagine what your home would smell like in three days if you don't do something like this.