

Toilet Paper in a Plastic Bag!



You wouldn't think such a simple idea deserves to a DisasterGuy Tip. But it does! Here are some things to consider:

- Use high-quality toilet paper. Two-ply is stronger than single-ply. You can guess why stronger would be better, right?
- You don't need a whole roll for 1 person for 3 days. Let's say that every time you use it, you need 12 sheets (when 4 would do). 3 days X 2 events per day per male adult = 36 sheets. For a female this could double, to 72 sheets. A roll of toilet paper I just examined has 143 sheets. So, $72/143 = \frac{1}{2}$ roll of toilet paper needed for 3 days.
- A whole roll is 4-1/4" in diameter, with a 1-3/4" diameter cardboard tube in the middle. Half a roll is about 3-1/4" in diameter. That won't quite fit in a Zip-lock plastic sandwich bag.
- You don't need the cardboard tube. Take it out. Crush the roll flat. Now it *might* fit a sandwich bag. But you want a bigger, stronger bag. Try the gallon size bag. For more strength, get the gallon-sized "freezer" bags, which have thicker plastic.
- Put a BIC lighter in the hole in your toilet paper roll. Put both in the gallon-sized bag. Wrap the bag up to eliminate excess air. Zip the bag shut. Secure it with a rubber band.
- Store the toilet paper in a plastic bag where it will be dry but instantly available! If you need to defecate in the woods, find a spot 200 feet away from water, dig a hole about 8" deep, and when finished put the used toilet paper on top. If a tiny fire would be safe, use your lighter to set the toilet paper on fire and make EPA happy. Then close the hole.
- When you eat unfamiliar foods or are in a stressful situation, you may have a condition my Mom described as "having your bowels in an uproar." Ladies, if that happens, you will be thankful you did not use up all your emergency toilet paper when applying your make-up.
- If you run out of toilet paper, see the Tip: "Toilet Paper Alternative." But you won't have your computer in the woods to view it! Too bad!