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FAQs

Hygiene/ Portable Bathroom Kit

**Question: Is it good to pack my 72-hour kit in a bucket that can be used for a toilet in an emergency? I've been told this is a great idea, but I'm not sure.**

**Answer:** A very common mistake that well-meaning families are making in preparing their emergency kits is that they store them in a 5-gallon bucket with a toilet seat lid that can be then turned into a portable potty. They've got all their emergency supplies, food, water, etc. in the bucket so that they can just pick up and go. But the problem with this is obvious; once you need to use that portable potty, where will you put your supplies?

You can buy portable potties that are a seat attached to a folding stand and have a removable trash liner attached to capture the waste. But there are no pockets or storage units for other "toiletries".

You definitely need to make the portable potty a separate unit altogether. Here's what I recommend:

1 5 or 6-gallon plastic sturdy bucket

1 Luggable Loo lid

Small trash can liners, or replacement bags made for the bucket and seat

Bio Blue and Bio Green. One is a protein digester for breaking down the waste, and the other is a deodorant (for obvious reasons).

A small folding shovel or heavy-duty plastic spade for burying waste 12"-24" deep.

A portable shelter to put around the potty area.

If the shelter is large enough, you can also use a camper shower in there for privacy.

Toilet Paper

Feminine Hygiene products

Hand sanitizer gel or antiseptic wipes

And if you need it, some reading material

Disinfectant

Store this as a separate unit.

I've used a pack for fishermen that wraps around a 5-gallon bucket and has ample pockets all around the outside. This is meant for all kinds of fishing tackle, bait and hooks, but I filled the pockets with disposable toothbrushes, razors, scissors, combs, toothpaste, first aid and toiletries. Now I have a real grab-and-go unit that won't disrupt the other disaster items when I use it.

I've shared my idea; what's yours? Share yours at [newsletter.bereadyinc.com](mailto:newsletter.bereadyinc.com)

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