

## Toilet Use During an Emergency

Toilets may not work in an emergency. The recommended procedure for toileting in place is:

### Be Prepared:

Have the following supplies on hand at all times (Your Potty Pack!)

- Plastic non-compostable kitchen garbage bags
- Duct tape
- Toilet paper
- Twist ties (or some other means to close plastic bag)
- Something to assist with odor. The most common items are baking soda and kitty litter. You may find other options online.

### During the emergency:

Flush out any water that remains in the toilet bowl.

- Line your toilet bowl (under the seat) with a plastic kitchen garbage bag. Secure with duct tape to outside of bowl. Put a second “transfer” plastic kitchen garbage bag inside. This bag will be tied up and removed while the other will remain in the toilet.
- Add some baking soda, kitty litter, peat moss, or something similar to absorb liquid and reduce odors in the second bag.
- Once bag is in place, and absorbent/odor control is in the bag, lower the seat and lid to hold the bag in place and reduce odor.



- After using the bag, close the toilet lid. If reasonable, seal the bag between uses with a twist tie to reduce odor.
- Clean your hands with wet wipes or hand sanitizer after use or after changing bags. Throw the used wipes into the “transfer” bag.
- Bag can be used several times before disposing. When the bag needs to be replaced, tie the inner bag securely and replace it with a clean garbage bag and absorbent/odor reducer for next use.
- Your Safety Liaison or WV staff will tell you where to deposit used bags.

