

## DIY Composting Toilets Ideas

*Note; Check with your county for restrictions regarding composting toilets and human waste disposal. Feces from humans or animals that eat meat (ie. dogs and cats) should never be used as garden compost.*

We created a DIY Wood Chip Toilet for our cabin, after doing a lot of research. It seems the simplest users friendly option to avoid harsh chemicals, and believe it or not it doesn't smell! The key is to have a nice base of shavings in the bottom, and to cover each use with a fresh handful of pine shavings (\$5 at the ranch supply stores). We lined our bucket with a compostable trash can liners and dumped them in a refuse pit that we layer with other organic materials to assist with the breakdown of materials ... it is good to get it all watered down before covering the pit.

[https://www.appropedia.org/How to make and use a sawdust toilet](https://www.appropedia.org/How_to_make_and_use_a_sawdust_toilet)

[https://www.omick.net/composting\\_toilets/bucket\\_barrel\\_toilet.htm](https://www.omick.net/composting_toilets/bucket_barrel_toilet.htm)

<http://www.ecoflo-wash.org/index.php/blog/sawdust-toilets-the-ultimate-guide>

Another quick DIY outhouse or Cabana idea. Dig a regulation pit and surround it with 3 small straw bales. Mount a standard toilet seat to a sturdy plank that will balance on the two side bales over the pit. Again line the pit with pine shavings and use compostable TP and a handful of pine shavings after each use. Use 1 of the straw bales to top off the pit, water it down before covering the pit with fill dirt. We did this at a wilderness retreat, put a bamboo screen around it and a patio umbrella for an awesome little cabana in the woods. There are pop-up like outhouses that can be purchased for more privacy.

[http://www.wildchicken.com/nature/garden/ga021\\_building\\_a\\_straw\\_bale\\_composting\\_toilet.htm](http://www.wildchicken.com/nature/garden/ga021_building_a_straw_bale_composting_toilet.htm)

<https://www.woodlands.co.uk/blog/practical-guides/woodland-toilets/>

### Compostable Toilets -

<https://www.sunrisespecialty.com/best-compost-toilet>

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/composting-toilets.htm>

<https://greencoast.org/composting-toilet-pros-and-cons/>

### Camping toilets –

<https://www.sportsmansguide.com/productlist/camping/camping-essentials/portable-toilets-showers?d=117&c=85&s=438&adclid=80351ba698c01dc01f4579f081b58f52&adclid=ADL-79223b93-9889-4758-b38c-c1260b31e410>

[https://www.walmart.com/browse/sports-outdoors/camping-portable-toilets/4125\\_546956\\_4128\\_1080844\\_1471258\\_2825702](https://www.walmart.com/browse/sports-outdoors/camping-portable-toilets/4125_546956_4128_1080844_1471258_2825702)

**Pooping in the Woods.** If you are used to off grid camping you probably have this down, but for those with less experience, or in a bug out situation with children there are a few things to consider. Also, Ladies, you will find it much nicer to use a simple panty liner while hiking, camping and bugging out that you can dispose of as necessary and still keep your undergarments fresh. Remember the shovel/spade, and compostable TP ... and handy wipes!

<https://www.adventureprotocol.com/pooping-in-woods-9-ds-of-defecation/>

<https://gizmodo.com/how-to-poop-in-the-woods-1599311733>

If your RV is part of your back up plan for emergencies and bugout consider how and where you will be able to dump in an emergency situation. While this is all a very personal subject, it is one that you should give some thought and preparation for ... even being stuck on the highway with kids and the elderly can be a difficult situation if you are unable to exit the highway or locate a rest stop, gas station or restaurant. Even a small hospital type pee pot can come in handy in an emergency situation. Feeling clean and fresh will make all the difference in your family's experience. Also consider what to do at home if you lose water; extra water for flushing can keep you going and remember ...

***If it is yellow, let it mellow. If it's Brown flush it down!***