

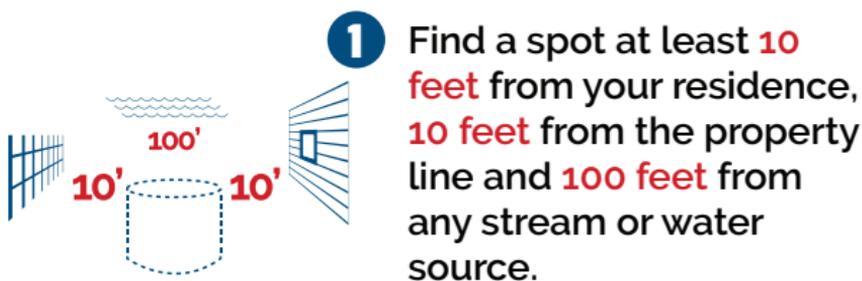
What's a Latrine?

A latrine (or pit toilet) is a hole in the ground that collects human waste in an emergency.

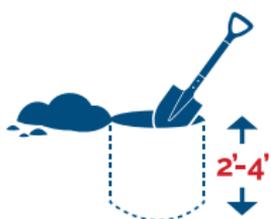


After an earthquake you may need to live without a working toilet. The best option is a twin bucket system (see reverse). If that's not possible, an emergency alternative is a latrine.

"How-to" Instructions



- 1** Find a spot at least **10 feet** from your residence, **10 feet** from the property line and **100 feet** from any stream or water source.



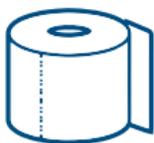
- 2** Dig down **2 to 4 feet**. The hole should be about **2 feet** in diameter. *If you hit water, stop – then dig at another location.* Save the soil you remove.



- 3** Cover waste with soil after each use.



- 4** Dig a new hole as needed. Fill the former latrine and mark the location.



- 5** Used toilet paper goes into the latrine. Do not use plastic bags.

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