

Human waste update.

Portable toilets are now required mandatory equipment on all overnight trips. Requirements are administered under State and Federal law.

When am I required to use my portable toilet?

Waste systems must be set-up and available for use as soon as practical upon arrival at your campsite. You are required to use the portable toilet when unable to access and use an agency provided toilet.



Why should I pack out human waste?

In an arid environment, solid human waste decomposes very slowly. Improper disposal impacts soils, vegetation and poses a health hazard. Because the river corridor experiences a high concentration of recreational use within a narrow strip of land, it is unacceptable to bury human waste.

What is an approved portable toilet?

An approved portable toilet is any non-biodegradable, rigid, durable container designed to receive and hold human waste, in any container position, without leaking. It is designed to be emptied in an approved manner in a standard recreational vehicle dump station and/or SCAT machine, in a sanitary manner without spills, seepage or exposure to human waste. Plastic bag systems are not allowed. (43 CFR 8351.2-1)

How do I care for my portable toilet?

Before using any toilet system, coat the bottom and sides with non-stick cooking spray or with a 1/4 cup of Pine-Sol or pine-oil cleaner. A 1/4 cup of powdered Clorox II will help prevent methane gas build up. On the morning of takeout, pour a bucket of water into toilet to help loosen materials for cleaning.

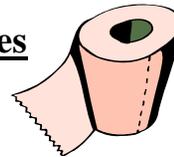
Bring straps for use with the SCAT Machine. Rectangular toilets require two 2-foot straps while buckets require one 4-footer.

DO NOT:

- ◆ use formaldehyde, concentrated disinfectants, or toxic metals in your toilet.
- ◆ use kitty litter or plastic bags in your toilet.
- ◆ put feminine hygiene products or cardboard in your toilet.

Handy on-river toilet supplies

- ★ Disposable rubber gloves
- ★ Extra toilet paper
- ★ Antibacterial soap
- ★ Pine-oil cleaner or non-stick cooking spray



Useful items for emptying your toilet

- ★ Disposable rubber gloves
- ★ Bleach
- ★ Antibacterial soap
- ★ Straps for the SCAT Machine
- ★ Toilet brush



Toilet options

There are numerous retail portable toilet systems available as well as do-it-yourself options. Boaters must ensure that their unit is an approved RV dump station or SCAT Machine compatible system. The following are examples of approved toilet systems.



River Bank Toilet – SCAT Machine and RV dump station compatible.



Scat Packer Toilet – SCAT Machine and RV dump station compatible.

BOOM-BOX



Eco-Safe Boom-Box – RV dump station compatible.



Do-it-yourself option. Consists of 5 gal. pickle bucket and Gamma Seal™ lid. SCAT Machine compatible.



Do-it-yourself, *big wall toilet*. Fashioned from ABS pipe and retail RV fittings. RV dump station compatible. Excellent self contained kayak or canoe option.

Dump Stations

- ♦ **The Dalles** - 3636 Klindt Drive
- ♦ **Hood River** - Waste Water Treatment Facility, 818 Riverside
- ♦ **Madras** - Tiger Mart Station, Hwy. 97
- ♦ **Bend** - Revere Chevron, 3rd St. & Revere
- ♦ **Redmond** - 875 SE Sisters
- ♦ **Welches** - Mt.Hood Village, Hwy. 26

SCAT Machine Locations*

Maupin - City Park, North entrance
Heritage Landing - boat ramp

*User friendly SCAT Machines are now available in two locations in close proximity to the river. The SCAT Machine is designed to dump, wash, and sanitize several types of portable toilets. Once the container is strapped into the machine, it is inverted to dump waste while high pressure water nozzles wash and sanitize the unit. Available seasonally for a \$1.00 usage fee.



Maupin Scat Machine in use.

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Lower Deschutes River



Portable Toilet Information

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