



# WASTE

- Natural and man-made disasters can damage sewer systems for weeks at a time
- You may be without water or unable to flush toilets
- Failure to properly dispose of human waste can lead to epidemics



## Planning Ahead

- Know how to turn off the water service valve in your home so no contaminated water can come through
- Create a backup plan for emergency drinking, cooking, and washing water if your supply gets cut off
  - 1 gallon per person per day

## Sanitation

- Pests - Flies can carry germs from the feces to human food and water sources
- Disease - Improper waste disposal can cause diseases such as cholera, salmonella, and fecal-oral transmission disease



## Twin Bucket Toilet

- Mark the twin buckets “pee” and “poo,” and make sure to keep them separated and in a private space
- After using the pee bucket, remove the seat and cover with a tight-fitting lid
- After using the poo bucket, sprinkle 1/2 cup of carbon material that covers the entirety of the poo. This helps eliminate flies and odors

For more information on waste visit:

<https://emergency.oregonstate.edu/emergency-management/preparedness-topics>

<https://www.ready.gov/>

<https://www.phlush.org/emergency-sanitation/>