

Porta-Potties: A Real-Life Horror Story

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Portable potties or porta-potties are a necessary evil of life. These get encountered at music festivals, fairs, and any other massive outdoor event you can recall. While necessary, they are highly unpleasant to use. This cringe-worthy experience fills any rational person with dread—especially if you are female. So how do you go from “I’ll hold it until my bladder explodes” to “I got this”?

Stay Clean

The first thing you want to pack is your hand sanitizer. This item will keep you from catching germs and just walking around all gross due to the lack of soap or water in the hand-washing stations. Plus, those stations can’t be sanitary in all honesty, given everyone is touching everything on them before their hands are clean.

Makeshift Toilet Paper

When you reach for the toilet paper, only to discover there is none, is the moment you realize this might be hell on earth. Baby wipes and travel pack Kleenex become your new best friend as these items will replace the toilet paper. If feeling extra generous, you can reach hero status among the other women in line if you share your baby wipes and Kleenex.

Hide the Stench

You cannot easily forget the overpowering stench of the porta-potty experience. Before the days of masks being plentiful, a bandana spritzed with body spray did the trick. You can just use a mask now. The bandana is nifty because it is easy to tie around the neck, belt loop, or arm. When next in line for the porta-potty, just place the mask or bandana over your nose and mouth. Covering up your nose and mouth lessens the unappealing stink while trapped inside the plastic cage.

Porta-potties are never fun or enjoyable; however, they can be tolerable. Follow the tips above to take the dreaded porta-potty experience from hell on earth to manageable. So enjoy the music festivals, fairs, and other outdoor events with less worry over the bathroom situation.