

# Maintaining Your Pit Toilet

Pit toilets require very little upkeep once installed, but following proper maintenance and safe emptying guidelines is essential for long-term functionality and hygiene. We recommend the following:

## 1. Keep the pedestal and hut clean

Regular cleaning helps maintain hygiene and prevents odours. Use a mild anti-bacterial cleaner to wipe down the pedestal and the inside of the hut. This reduces bacterial build-up and keeps the toilet safe and pleasant to use.

**Tip:** Avoid harsh chemicals that may interfere with natural decomposition inside the pit.

## 2. Check for signs of structural wear

Periodically inspect the slab, hut and pedestal for cracks, loose fittings or signs of damage—especially in high-use areas. Early repairs help ensure safety and extend the lifespan of the installation.

## 3. Managing a full pit

When the waste level reaches within 0.5 metres of the top, the pit is considered full and should no longer be used.

**At this point:**

- Cover the full pit with soil to seal it off safely.
- Construct a new pit nearby and reinstall the slab and pedestal.

This helps prevent contamination and allows the old pit to break down naturally over time.