✔ DO'S

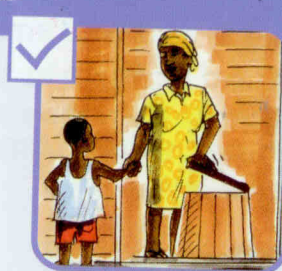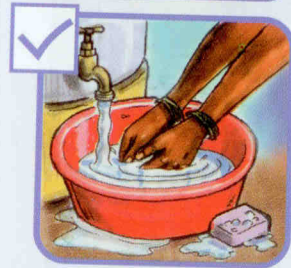**Keep area around the toilet clean and wipe seat regularly**
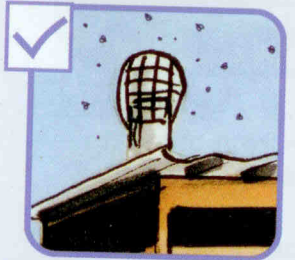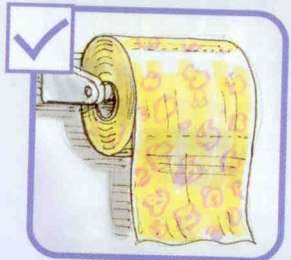
Keep the toilet lid closed to reduce flies

Keep door closed

Wash hands with soap after using the toilet

Make sure vent is covered with mesh to keep out flies

Use toilet paper only

❌ DONT'S

Don't use any disinfectants, these kill good bacteria

Don't throw stones, old clothes, foodstuff etc. into the pit

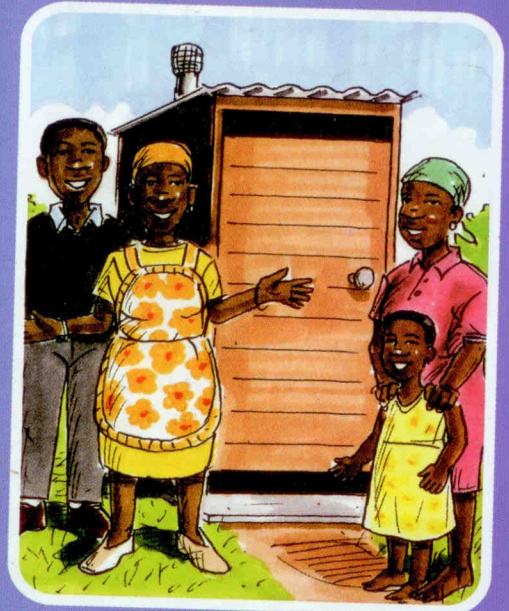**Don't let the toilet overflow as this will be a health hazard**

Don't allow water into the pit

Pit Latrine emptying programme

ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY

This is a municipality programme to empty pit latrines in your area every five years. The programme represents the Municipality's commitment to a healthy community environment

Who qualifies for emptying of a pit latrine?

Residents of eThekwini Municipality who have a formal pit latrine

Unlined or poorly constructed toilets will not be emptied

How will the contents be removed?

If the latrine has a concrete slab, this will be removed to allow for emptying

Teams will remove the contents for disposal

On completion:

Cover slabs will be put back

Householder will sign off that the job is complete

NB: NO TOILET REPAIRS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN

How can you assist?

Provide reasonable access to your pit latrine from the road

How should you maintain your latrine?

If the latrine fills up before the next emptying cycle (five years), you the homeowner, will be responsible for the emptying

Don't put solid waste into the latrine (e.g. plastic, stones, metal, etc.)

Any foreign objects or water will stop the waste from breaking down and cause it to fill up quickly.

Solid waste also causes smells. Solid waste makes it difficult to empty which increases the cost to the Municipality

Don't put any wastewater (i.e. kitchen water, bath water) or allow stormwater to get into the pit. This can cause the sides of the pit to collapse and the pit will not be able to drain effectively

REMEMBER:
DONT USE YOUR TOILET AS A RUBBISH BIN!