



COMMUNITY SANITATION SENSITISATION

Field Officer Information Toolkit

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SECTION 1

Improved Emptiable Toilet

1

Did you know that having no toilet is illegal?

According to the Public Health Act, 1964: The local Authority (KCCA), shall disapprove any plans that do not have sufficient facilities for sanitation purposes [Buildings rules, 10, 1(b)]. It further quotes that every citizen is obliged to have access to a latrine at his/her home. ([Grade II Building rules, 11]. Ensure you or your landlord comply with the KCCA regulations and minimum standards while constructing your pit latrine/toilet.

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At least the toilet has to be lined/sealed, to ensure it can be emptied and to prevent the faecal sludge from entering the environment.



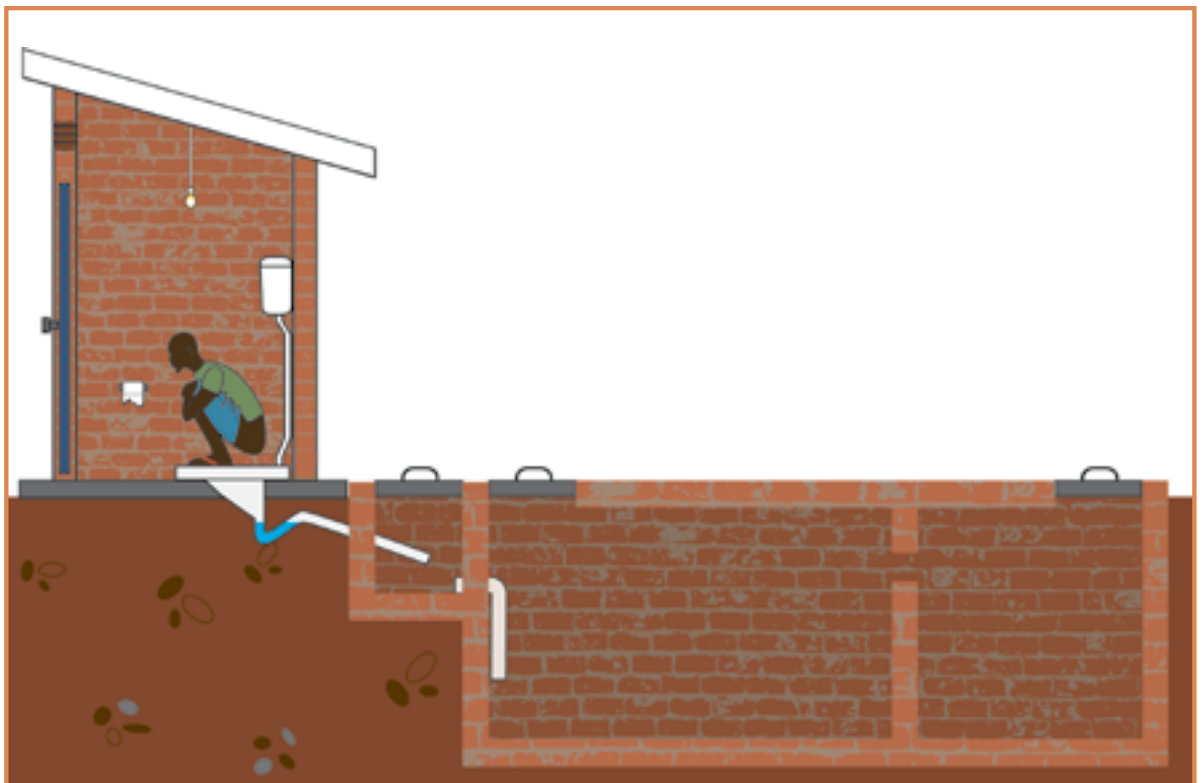
The faecal sludge can enter through the soil and stones and easily contaminate the ground water and water sources around you thus posing a threat to your health.

 **CAUTION**

The unlined walls of the pit over time become soft and weaken thus can easily collapse when faecal sludge is being emptied. This collapse is not only a waste of resources but is also a huge environmental and health danger to the operator and community.



Lined pits and septic tanks can be emptied safely and will prevent faecal sludge from entering the environment and contaminating ground water or water sources around you, protecting your health.



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It is very important to have your toilet accessible by a cesspool truck/Gulper for emptying.

Leave enough space around your toilet while constructing to allow at least a Gulper placing his/her tricycle, the barrels and the other equipment. This is important because enough space ensures safe emptying without a lot of spillage of faecal sludge which poses health risks to the tenants, the emptier and the environment.



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Please endeavour to get a mason or builder that will construct you a toilet according to KCCA minimum standards.



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SECTION 2

Sanitation & Hygiene

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Did you know that a clean toilet reduces the occurrence of diseases in your household?

Make sure you clean your toilet or pit latrine with clean water and soap. Dirty toilets carry all sorts of bacteria, germs and viruses that can easily cause diseases like diarrhoea etc. which can be deadly, especially for children.

2

Your hands carry germs, wash them regularly with clean water and soap.

- After visiting the latrine and after changing babies' nappies;
- Before handling food;
- After blowing or cleaning nose.

Remember: Washing your hands with soap can kill 60-90% of the germs on your hands.



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Please keep your toilet or pit latrine covered when not in use.

Flies from the toilet could easily get in contact with your food and drinks which could be harmful to your health.



4

No solid waste should be thrown in the toilet.

Dispose of all solid waste and garbage in a garbage bag or a well-covered dustbin. Ensure that this is finally disposed of in a well designated garbage dumping site identified within the community.

Remember: Solid waste in your toilet make emptying much more expensive and sometimes impossible.



SECTION 3

Safe Pit Emptying

1

Is your toilet or pit latrine full?

You need to have it emptied properly:

- To avoid exposing your household and other members of the community to bacteria and diseases;
- To avoid overflow of the toilet when it is raining;
- To avoid high medical costs in your household.

You can either hire a cesspool emptier or a Gulper.

Remember: A full toilet poses a great threat against the health of your household, community and the environment. The faeces can enter the surrounding area and groundwater when heavy rains come.



CAUTION

Never engage a person to empty your toilet manually because this is illegal and very dangerous for the operator, customer and environment due to the high exposure to faeces.

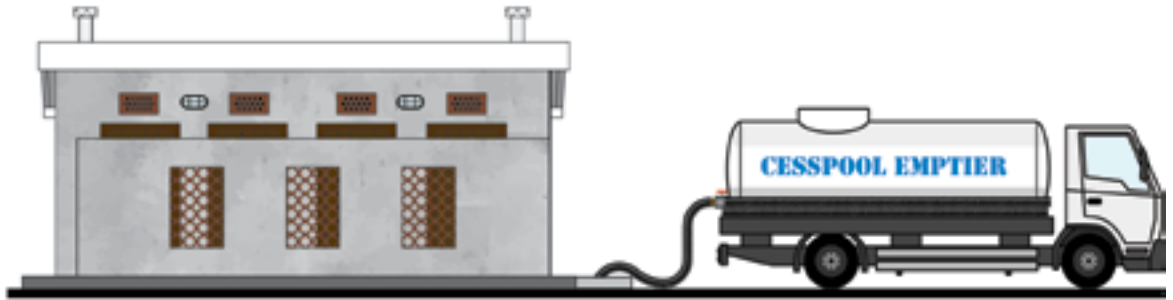
Always use mechanized (vacuum tankers) and semi-mechanized (Gulpers, Rammer) to empty your toilet.

KCCA can fine you for engaging a manual emptier.

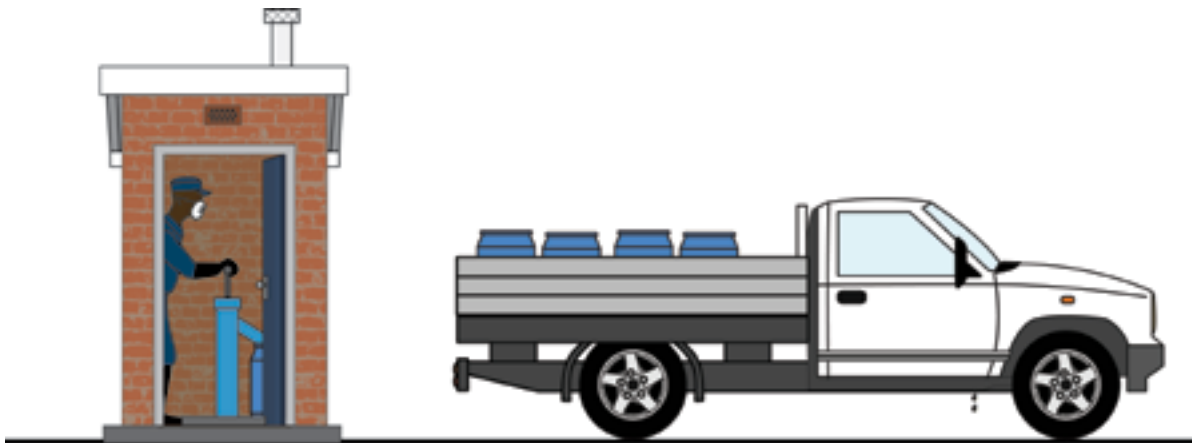
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Do you know who can empty your toilet properly and legally?

A cesspool truck = mechanized emptying



A Gulper = semi-mechanized emptying



Do you know that the gulping service is available in your community?



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How much does proper emptying of a toilet cost?

Safe pit emptying costs highly depend on the state of the toilet: size/volume, filled with solid waste, access, lined/unlined etc.

In general, a cesspool truck costs between 70,000UGX - 190,000UGX per trip of 3000 -10,000 litre cesspool truck and Gulper cost between 25,000 UGX – 40,000UGX per 200 litre barrel.

Remember: You can always negotiate with the service provider.



Did you know that emptying becomes much more expensive if you throw solid waste in it?

- Solid waste in a toilet (e.g. plastics, stones, sanitary pads, pampers etc.) makes it harder to empty it, sometimes even impossible.
- Please inform your tenants and household members about this.
- If not stopped, you will incur higher costs for emptying your pit.

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Do you have any questions on safe pit emptying? Or do you want to get services of a pit emptier?

Call the KCCA toll free number and ask for a service provider



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- Ensure that the pit emptier is using protective gear during emptying of your toilet. This should include: gloves, nose mask, overalls, helmets and boots.
- The service provider should avoid spillages during and after emptying your toilet to safeguard your and your family's health.

5

Do you know what a transfer station is?

A transfer station is a sludge storage tank into which sludge collected by guplers using barrels is emptied. The transfer station will be located in your community on a scheduled basis.

Remember: Emptying can be cheaper when a transfer station is in your neighbourhood.



Do you want to know when the transfer station will be in your neighbourhood?



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Have you seen a case of illegal dumping?

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CAUTION

- Illegal dumping is punishable by the authorities.
- Illegal dumping poses great health risks to your family, the entire community and the environment.
- Ensure that all solid wastes from the toilet removed during emptying are safely disposed of and not dumped in the environment illegally.

