

Basic facilities and design parameter

The Box below outlines the basic facilities that must be offered within every public toilet complex in urban areas. In addition, it is necessary to use quality construction material that are suited for easy maintenance and adopt stringent management and maintenance standards to ensure quality and thereby, sustained use

Basic facilities and design parameters to be incorporated into public toilet complexes include:

- *Provision for uninterrupted water supply*
- *Ample water storage facilities*
- *Appropriate toilet technologies (connections to sewer networks, septic tanks for waste water disposal)*
- *Accessibility, particularly for the disabled*
- *Privacy and security, particularly for women*
- *Separate toilet blocks for men and women*
- *Urinals for men*
- *Separate shower facilities for men and women*
- *Planned usage of space, with provision for caretaker seating, storage needs, basins for hand-wash/cleaning*
- *Adequate natural ventilation*
- *Adequate external signage to promote visibility and encourage usage*
- *Adequate internal signage to encourage users to keep facility clean*

Optional (based on locational need and land availability)

- *Seats for children*
- *Waiting areas*
- *Luggage storage room*
- *Rest room, living quarters for caretaker*
- *Space to wash clothes*
- *Store room for cleaning material*