

Newsletter 2: CLEANING A NATSOL TOILET

Dear Owner or Manager,

This is our second newsletter. You are receiving this because you asked to be on the mailing list or have recently bought a toilet. If circumstances have changed please let us know and we will remove your details. Perhaps somebody else in your organisation has taken over management. At their request we will happily add them to the list.

The first newsletter was about urine separation; this one is about cleaning. When cleaning any toilet facility you should wear appropriate clothing.

Let's deal with the easy jobs first:-

Urinal

To clean the bowl all you need to do is to spray the surface with a multi surface cleaning agent and then slowly tip a litre or two of water down the bowl whilst scrubbing around with a brush kept for that purpose. Wipe down the outside of the bowl and the pipes underneath with a cloth. Clean the floor below the urinal. The floor is the most likely source of odour.

The frequency of cleaning will depend on the level of use but we suggest that once a week should be a minimum for any toilet and that busy toilets be cleaned more frequently, perhaps daily.

Pedestal

You may have a grey or white GRP (fibre glass) pedestal OR a stainless steel one with natural wood or black top. The seat will be plastic unless it has been replaced with a different type. Whichever pedestal you have the outer surfaces should be cleaned regularly with a multi surface cleaning agent and a cloth. As with any other toilet pedestal, dirt tends to accumulate around the seat hinges.

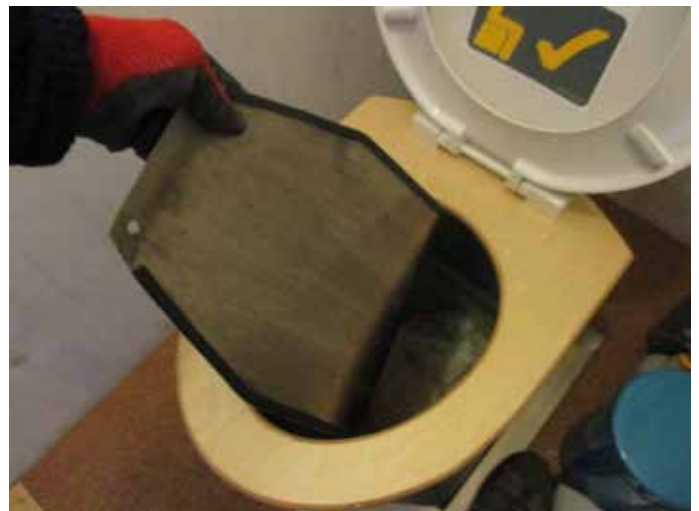
Regular cleaning inside the pedestal:-

Regular cleaning of the inside of the pedestal is easy - if you have the right gear. We strongly suggest that you invest in a pump up sprayer of the type usually available from garden centres. Keep this topped up with water and disinfectant and a little bit of non-foaming soap. You will also need a standard toilet brush and holder.

Some of you will have a removable short urine plate inside your pedestal which can be taken out through the top – see picture A.

If you have a short plate, remove it and take it outside to spray off and scrub over. Whilst out of the pedestal, or if you don't have a short plate, spray around inside the pedestal and use the brush to clean all accessible surfaces. A little bit of water will probably go in the compost chamber but you can always add more soak. Then refit the short plate.

Depending on usage this cleaning procedure might be a once a week. It could be every day on busier sites.



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Deep clean

For this you will need to get well protected with appropriate clothing including: rubber gloves, wellies and goggles. Picture B.

Depending on usage your pedestal will need a deep clean once, twice, or maybe four times a year. This involves taking it outside and laying it on its side on a non-scratching surface such as a piece of builders' polythene – see picture C. You will then be able to clean the lower parts using the sprayer and brush but you will probably need to use some acid to remove calcium deposits from the bottom of the plate.

Most builders' merchant will have two grades of acid. The stronger one will be for removing mortar stains and the weaker one for patio cleaning. The patio cleaning acid is safer to use, although it will take longer to get the pedestal clean.

It will be useful to have a small brush such as an old washing up brush. Pour some of the acid into a plastic container and dipping the brush into this gently scrub clean the bottom part of the urine separating plate. Picture D.

Eventually return unused acid to the container, rinse everything down with water and refit the pedestal - and the short plate, if you have one.



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