



Respect the River: Personal Sanitation

Sequoia National Forest



Along the Kern River there are dispersed camping areas, free of charge, which are great for campers with self-contained units or large groups of people.

This is information about personal sanitation (management of human waste) while visiting the Sequoia National Forest. Millions of people visit the Sequoia National Forest each year and visitation is increasing yearly.

Improper personal sanitation and the improper disposal of human waste degrade the recreation experience and can degrade water quality and wildlife habitat and spread diseases.

Please help us keep the Sequoia National Forest clean by following the personal sanitation practices.



Chemical toilets and trash receptacles are provided in most of these areas for your convenience. We ask that you please use them. In areas that do not provide these services, **PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN.**

Thank you for your help in making forest visits enjoyable and safe! Plan ahead by obtaining a National Forest map at one of the following offices:

Hume Lake Ranger District
35860 East Kings Canyon Road
Dunlap, CA 93621
[559-338-2251](tel:559-338-2251)

Kern River Ranger District
11380 Kernville Rd.
Kernville, CA 93238
[760-376-3781](tel:760-376-3781)

Western Divide Ranger District
32588 Hwy 190
Springville, CA 93265
[559-539-2607](tel:559-539-2607)

Forest Supervisor's Office
1839 S. Newcomb Street
Porterville, CA 93257
[559-784-1500](tel:559-784-1500)



Toilet Facilities:

Provided in developed campgrounds and in some dispersed camping areas. Where they are provided, visitors are expected to use these facilities for personal sanitation. All used toilet paper should be placed into the toilet. **Do not put feminine hygiene products (tampons and pads) into any toilet.** Feminine hygiene products should be wrapped and placed into a trash container. Similarly, **do not put disposable baby diapers into any toilet or portable toilet.** Disposable baby diapers may be disposed of in trash containers where provided. If trash containers are not provided, you must pack out the disposable baby diapers.



Where toilet facilities are not provided, visitors must use the following practices for personal sanitation:

Pack-it-out:

Whenever it is feasible, visitors are encouraged to collect human wastes and pack them out of the forest. These wastes need to be disposed of in an approved manner (placed in a toilet, disposed of at dump station or other method acceptable to the county).

DO NOT put collected human wastes (except feminine hygiene products or disposable baby diapers) in trash containers on the National Forest.

Bury-it:

When packing out human waste is not feasible. These wastes should be buried at least 6 inches deep and at least 200 feet from any water, creek, streams or lakes. All used toilet paper should be buried along with the human waste. A trowel can be used to dig the hole.

Do not bury or burn disposable baby diapers or feminine hygiene products. Do not burn your toilet paper.