



Getting ready for Winter - Self-Contained

If there will be no winter usage:

- 1) Add water! The amount varies based on what kind of use it will see before shut-down, but approximately 2-3 cups of warm water is usually adequate.
- 2) If the toilet is in a rural or densely wooded area and you have a non-electric self-contained toilet, it may be a good to place something over the diffuser to keep opportunistic animals from making a home in the compost while you're away.
- And 3) If you have an electric self-contained, or a non-electric with an optional 12 volt fan, disconnect the toilet from the electrical source so that it does not continue running while the toilet is not in use.

If there will be occasional (3-4 weekends) winter usage:

When the temperature dips constantly below 55F/ 13C, the compost in the drum will freeze, and the drum will function as a holding tank until spring. If there will be occasional use:

- 1) Remove 1/2 of the compost in the drum to the finishing drawer.
- 2) Add water! The amount varies based on what kind of use it will see, but approximately 2-3 cups of warm water is usually adequate.
- 3) If you notice freezing inside the drum, do not rotate the drum. The frozen contents will damage the drum.
- And 4) If the toilet will not be used for 3 or more days, disconnect the toilet from the power source so the fan does not dry out the compost in the drum.

If there will be heavy or residential usage:

- 1) Keep it warm. In a northern climate, if the toilet is used regularly, it should be installed in an insulated, heated location,
- 2) All exterior venting should be insulated to prevent evaporate from freezing
- And 3) We recommend that all toilets have their overflow drain installed if being used residentially.