

Frequently asked questions about:



Composting Toilet and other alternative systems

What do I need to do if I want to put in a composting toilet?

You will need Soil and Site Evaluator to design this system for you.

A qualified Investigator/Evaluator can be either:

- Arizona registered professional engineer
- Arizona registered professional geologist
- Arizona registered sanitarian
- Individual with a certificate of training from a course recognized by ADEQ

What brand of composting toilet can I use?

Refer to List of ADEQ Proprietary Products
http://static.azdeq.gov/pub/list_prop_products.pdf

If I am putting in a composting toilet, will I still need a small septic system on my property?

Yes, you would need a small septic system since kitchen drain water is considered "gray water" in State of Arizona.

The definition of gray water is here R18-9-A701(5)

"Gray water" means wastewater that has been collected separately from a sewage flow and that originates from a clothes washer or a bathroom tub, shower or sink but that does not include wastewater from a kitchen sink, dishwasher or toilet. A.R.S. § 49-201(18).

Again, you would need a Soil and Site Evaluator to design the small septic system.

Once designs are complete; submit, apply, and pay for a Cochise County permit. See Cochise County Environmental Health 2021/2022 Summary of Fees.

Soil and Site Evaluator should have all the paperwork you need to apply for a permit though Cochise County.



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