

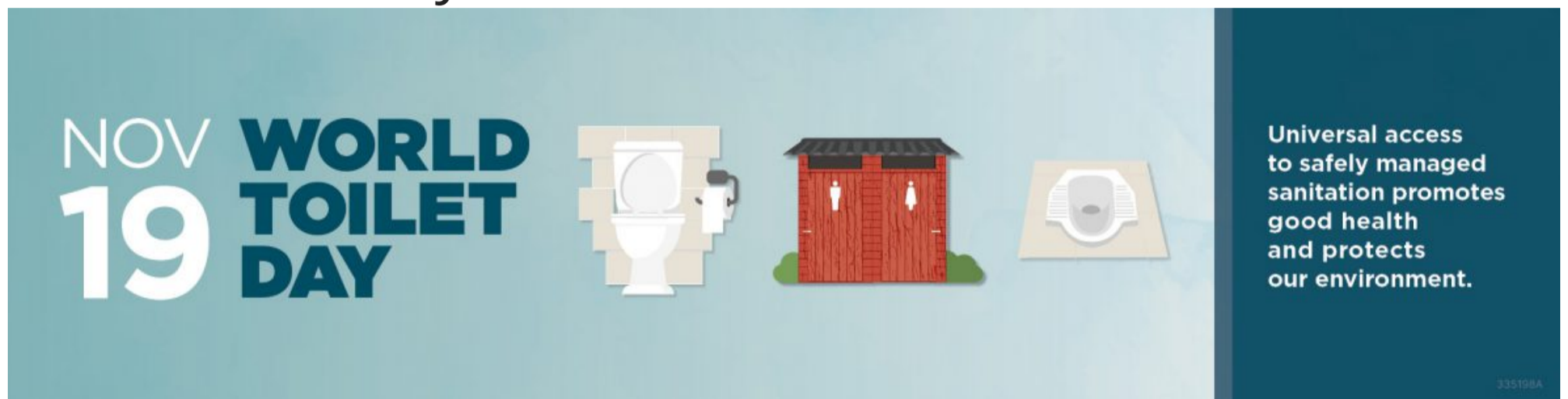
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# World Toilet Day



Each year on November 19, [World Toilet Day](#) celebrates toilets and highlights the global sanitation crisis that affects [billions of people](#) around the world who are living without access to a [safely managed](#) toilet. Without clean, safe toilets, human waste (poop) can contaminate communities' food and water sources, which increases people's chances of getting sick.

## When There Is No Place to Go

When people don't have access to a toilet, they go outside in the open (called [open defecation](#)). Around the world at least 892 million people continue to practice open defecation. This often causes the spread of diarrheal diseases. Each day, [nearly 1,000 children die](#) around the world from diarrhea related to poor sanitation and contaminated water sources. Safe sanitation, the practice of good hygiene, and a safe water supply can save the lives of [more than 350,000 children a year](#).

## What You Can Do

World Toilet Day is an opportunity to learn more about the global sanitation crisis and raise awareness. Observe World Toilet Day by:

- Spreading awareness in your community about the importance of sustainable sanitation to keep people healthy.
- Learning more about other [global water, sanitation, and hygiene \(WASH\)](#) issues.
- Visiting the [UN's World Toilet Day site](#) for more information and resources.
- Promoting World Toilet Day in your community using these [digital and printable resources](#).

### Share messages on social media!

Share the social media posts and graphics below to promote Global Handwashing Day and use the [#WorldToiletDay](#) hashtag.

## Images for FacebookTwitter

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## More Information

- [The Need for Toilets](#)
- [Management of Fecal Waste](#)
- [United Nations. Progress Update: SDG 6 – Water and Sanitation for All.](#) [↗](#)
- [United Nations. World Toilet Day](#) [↗](#)

- WASH United. [Menstrual Hygiene Day](#) 
- Public Library of Science. [Sanitation Practices and Perceptions in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya](#) 

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