

Household policy

Toilet roll utilisation

Policy summary

Toilet roll is a valuable but finite resource. This policy links utilisation to availability.

Applicability

This policy applies throughout the home. It is particularly relevant to family members and other residents. This policy also applies to visitors and guests using the facilities.

Policy detail

Background

In these trying times, the Great Global Toilet Roll Shortage afflicts us all. Supermarket shelves are emptying as quickly as they are replenished. Toilet roll factories around the world have been caught with their pants down. Over-consumption of paper pulp is escalating climate change and causing logistical problems. This policy addresses the issue pragmatically, home-by-home, stall-by-stall.

Policy axiom (guiding principle)

Toilet roll related risks must be identified, evaluated and treated appropriately.

Detailed policy requirements

1. Estimate the household's gross toilet roll usage for the next three to four weeks by numbering the toilet rolls with a marker pen and monitoring consumption over the next three to four days, then multiply the number of rolls consumed over three to four days by ten¹. Count the rolls in your stock pile, divide by the predicted consumption figure, multiply by the panic factor (currently 2.7 and rising), add seven and take away the number you first thought of. Then urgently procure more stocks until all available home storage space is full of toilet rolls.
2. Where appropriate, toilet roll usage should be avoided. Shake the drips - once for yourself, once for the Queen and once more for luck².
3. If toilet roll consumption is unavoidable, it should be minimised. First, clench and wait. Sing the first verse of the national anthem while remaining fully clenched. Then treat each sheet of toilet paper like a piece of toast. Aim to butter every part equally. Fill in any gaps including the corners³. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds while mumbling through the next verse of the national anthem, then salute Boris in the traditional manner.

¹ This calculation includes a 30% contingency margin in case of "Delhi Belly", but otherwise assumes a flat rate of consumption. With care and attention, a reducing rate may be achieved by linking consumption to roll diameter.

² Any more than three shakes represents over-enthusiasm that may lead to blindness.

³ Do not attempt to butter the rear for fear of buttering your rear.

4. If the roll is running out, consider the person who will follow you. Imagine if it were you, contemplating a few tattered and forlorn scraps of tissue desperately clinging to the cardboard tube in your moment of dire need, or worse still just the bare tube. Pay it forward: reserve and carefully place two neatly-torn *unused* sheets over the roll.
5. If you are contemplating a bare cardboard tube, plan to scrape the butter into the tube. Hold the tube in the middle in order to fill both ends. Dispose of hygienically. Curse quietly.
6. No matter how desperate, **do not under any circumstances attempt to use the spring-loaded axle from the holder**, or any other part of the holder, or any other object in the stall including this policy. Sit tight and whistle until help arrives. In preparation for this, stack newspapers, political party manifestos and pamphlets from the Ministry Of Health near the facility.
7. If the roll is long gone, the tube too with all hope of a replacement lost, go into the woods and ask a bear.

Responsibilities

- **Head of Household** owns this policy and hereby approves its use.
- **Quality Assurance Manager** is responsible for specifying and assuring the achievement of quality standards sufficient to satisfy toilet roll consumers.
- **Chief Procurement Officer** is responsible for procuring adequate supplies of toilet roll.
- **Business Continuity Manager** is responsible for ensuring that the entire household can successfully complete its 'business' in the approved manner. This includes the acquisition of emergency stocks and fallback arrangements, such as luxury bidets for management use and ice lolly sticks for staff, interns, visitors and juniors.
- **Facilities Maintenance Department** is responsible for maintaining the 'facilities' at all times, except while actually in use: such times present the ideal opportunity to check and replenish stocks, sort the newspapers from glossy pamphlets, and consume ice lollies.
- **Compliance Department** is authorised to ensure the rules in this policy are followed at all times, by all parties. Serial-numbered sheets of tissue are available on special order for auditing purposes.

Related policies, standards, procedures and guidelines

Item	Relevance
Procurement and finance policy	Concerns the necessary investment in, and acquisition of, consumables.
Abrasion standard	Defines the maximum permitted coefficient of friction for materials used for hygienic cleansing purposes (<i>ISO 9009:2019 rev3</i>)

Further information

For help with this policy, please contact the Head of Household. Or whistle until help arrives.