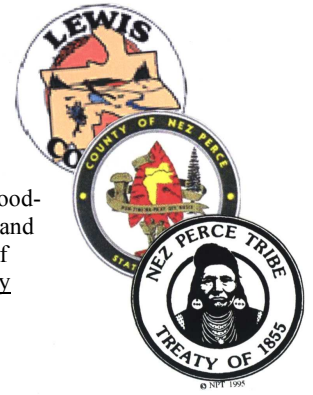
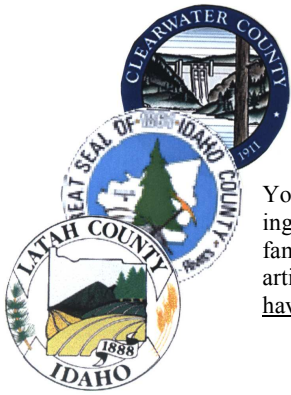


Get Pandemic Ready



Your Office of Emergency Management plans and prepares for disasters, ranging from localized flooding to worldwide events. Preparation includes local government, the private sector and individuals and families. Pandemic flu is a rapidly emerging threat affecting all of us. The purpose of this series of articles is to inform citizens of what they can do to protect themselves. We recommend each family have three months of food, water, medications, and other supplies on-hand.

Issue 14: Waste

Trash

- Separate trash and throw less stuff away
 - Keep disposable diapers in a separate bag
 - Keep toxic materials such as spray cans separate
- Reuse bottles and cans
- Compost wet trash EXCEPT meats and fats. Put shredded paper materials over wet trash and add dirt on top of paper
- DO NOT burn trash unless approved by local officials

Sewage disposal

- If the sewer works but there is no water, use water that has been used for bathing to flush toilets
- Chemical toilets (porta-potties, RV toilets) may provide a temporary solution. Emptying is uncertain, depending on service availability
- Emergency indoor toilet (<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/disaster/toilet.htm>)
 1. Line the inside of a toilet bowl, 5 gallon pail, or another appropriately sized waste container with two heavy-duty plastic garbage bags.
 2. Place kitty litter, fireplace ashes, or sawdust into the bottom of the bags.
 3. At the end of each day, the bagged waste should be securely tied and removed to a protected location such as a garage, basement, outbuilding, and so on, until a safe disposal option is available.
 4. You may dispose of the waste in a properly functioning public sewer, or septic system, or you may bury the waste on your own property.

To bury the waste, our health district requires the disposal hole or trench be at least 100 feet away from a source of water such as a well, pond or stream.

Supplies: Lots of toilet paper, and garbage bags

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For more information, or to participate in local pandemic flu planning, contact your local Emergency Manager.