

# 40 QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN

*choosing a*

# “BUYING GUIDE” COMPOSTING TOILET

Use this **buying guide** to help when choosing your composting toilet system. These are 40 basic questions to ask and consider when choosing. We have filled out our answers & of course we will go over them in detail with you. If you are comparing us to other systems try to fill theirs in or ask them to.

## USE & AESTHETICS


1. Does bowl/trap open and close manually or automatically?
2. How does a male use the system while standing?
3. Does the bowl fully open for waste to enter?
4. Is there a step-up?
5. Did you try the step-up?
6. Is there a choice of colour?

## ELECTRICAL

7. How many fans does the system have?
8. Did they perform a “paper mat air test?” If not, ask them to.
9. What is the fan speed (CFM) on AC systems?
10. What is the fan speed (CFM) on DC systems?
11. Is there a switch to control fans & heater?
12. Is there an Energy Mode (to conserve power)?
13. How do you access electrical parts?
14. Did they show you? If not, ask them to. Is it easy?
15. Is the heater located at the bottom of the system?
16. Did they show you the heater? If not, ask them to.


## QUALITY & WARRANTY

17. Did you examine the system to test durability? Try sitting on it.
18. Does it feel solid, flimsy or spongy?
19. Did you ask about the warranty?
20. What is the warranty on the inside components?
21. What is the warranty on the outer body/shell?
22. Are any moving or turning parts not covered in the warranty?  
If not, be sure to ask what parts.

		DRUM TYPE	OTHER TYPE
Manual	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Opens Trap	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes, 10+	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>ELECTRICAL</b>			
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
117	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
93/113	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WID Box	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes, Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes, in WID	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>QUALITY &amp; WARRANTY</b>			
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Solid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5-Years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lifetime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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## DESIGN & FEATURES

		DRUM TYPE	OTHER TYPE
23. Is the front (bottom) panel liquid and air sealed?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Could a child easily access (open) the panel?	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Where does air/oxygen enter the system?	Bowl/	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. Are there unsealed openings (for air, liquid, insects and rodents to enter) on outside (remote/central) systems?	Louvre No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Is the system a simple drum or an advanced aeration system?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. What type of air/heat circulation is there?	Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. Is there a manual drum to turn?	6-Way Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Are there remote models available? Is toilet incl. in price?	No, Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Does the system use flexible drains for remote/central system toilet to tank connections?	Yes, Yes Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. What happens in the winter during ground shift?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Does the system come with a Wind Turbine Ventilator?	Flex moves Yes, std	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## SHIPPING

34. Can you pick up the system?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Does the manufact./dealer provide up-front shipping costs?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. What are the shipping costs?	See list	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## COMPANY & CERTIFICATIONS

37. Where is the system manufactured?	Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38. Are systems currently certified to ANSI/NSF-41*?	Yes, all	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
39. What certification body tested the systems to ANSI/NSF-41?	CSA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40. Are systems CSA Electric certified? UL-499 certified?	Yes, Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*ANSI/NSF-41 is considered the highest **performance standard** for composting toilets.



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