World Toilet Day 2026 Fact and Action Sheet

Thu., Nov. 19, 2026: Safe toilets. Equal futures.

MARK THE DATE

- [ ] World Toilet Day 2026, a United Nations observance — Thu., Nov. 19
- [ ] Theme: sanitation and gender equality, 'Safe toilets. Equal futures.' — Nov. 19

NUMBERS TO KNOW (WHO AND UNICEF)

- [ ] 3.4 billion people lack safely managed sanitation — 2024 data
- [ ] 354 million of them practice open defecation — 2024 data
- [ ] 1.7 billion lack basic hygiene services at home; 611 million have no facilities — 2024 data
- [ ] 58% of people (4.8 billion) used a safely managed sanitation service — 2024 data

TAKE ACTION (THE UN'S CALLS)

- [ ] Download the UN resources and inspire action — By Nov. 19
- [ ] Raise awareness of the link between sanitation and gender equality — By Nov. 19
- [ ] Back gender-responsive sanitation: toilets as a force for equality — By Nov. 19
- [ ] Women help shape sanitation solutions, alongside men — By Nov. 19

NEXT DATES

- [ ] World Water Day (2027 theme not announced) — Mon., Mar. 22, 2027
- [ ] World Toilet Day 2027 — Fri., Nov. 19, 2027

The action I will take for World Toilet Day 2026

Source: United Nations, World Toilet Day; World Health Organization and UNICEF, Aug. 26, 2025; WHO Sanitation fact sheet, Nov. 3, 2026.