

# BETTER BOATER BATHROOMS: A Human Management Resource

There are dozens of rivers in North America for which visitors must pack out human waste at the end of their trip. This is a guide to specific requirements/regulations on pack out rivers. Included are maps showing dump station locations, and links to federal agency websites that contain more detail and lots of additional information about the river and surrounding area.

River	Agency	<u>Required:</u> Washable/Reusable /Leak-proof/Other	Approved Bag Systems*	Unacceptable	Urination	Website
<b>Alsek/Tatshenshini: AK, CAN</b>	NPS, Parks Canada, BC Provincial Parks				Below high water line, away from camp	<a href="#">Environmental Standards</a>
<b>Arkansas, CO</b>	BLM, CO Dept. of Parks & Outdoor Recreation				In river or far from camp in gravel & sands	<a href="#">River Runners Etiquette</a>
<b>Bruneau, ID</b>	BLM	LP/rigid/durable /non bio-degradable	e.g. Cw/R2	NO RV type toilets	In river	<a href="#">Information Section</a>
<b>Colorado: CO, UT (Ruby Horsethief Canyon)</b>	BLM		Bio- degradable			<a href="#">Rules and Regulations</a>
<b>Colorado, UT (Westwater Canyon)</b>	BLM	W/LP/R				<a href="#">River Use Stipulations</a>
<b>Colorado, UT (Cataract Canyon)</b>	NPS	W/R	e.g. Cw/R2			<a href="#">River Regulations</a>
<b>Colorado, AZ (Grand Canyon)</b>	NPS	W/LP/R	e.g. Cw/R2-for day hikes	NO plastic bucket systems		<a href="#">Trip Regulations</a>
<b>Deschutes, OR</b>	BLM, OR State Parks	LP/rigid/durable /non bio-degradable		NO bag systems		<a href="#">Deschutes River Rules</a>
<b>Dolores, CO</b>	BLM	W/LP/R				<a href="#">River Use Stipulations</a>

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<b>Flathead, MT</b> (North & Middle Fork)	NPS, USFS	W/LP/R				<a href="#">River Regulations</a>
<b>Grande Ronde, OR</b>	BLM, USFS	Containerized				<a href="#">Boater Information</a>
<b>Green, CO</b> (Lodore Canyon)	NPS	W/LP/R		NO bag systems	In river or high and far & 100ft from water/trails	<a href="#">Information and Regulations</a>
<b>Green, UT</b> (Desolation Canyon)	BLM	W/LP/R				<a href="#">River Use Stipulations</a>
<b>Green, UT</b> (Labyrinth Canyon)	BLM, UT State Division of Lands & Forestry	W/LP/R				<a href="#">River Use Regulations</a>
<b>Green, UT</b> (Stillwater Canyon)	NPS	W/R	e.g. Cw/R2			<a href="#">River Regulations</a>
<b>Gunnison, CO (Lower)</b>	BLM	W/R			In river	<a href="#">Boating Regulations</a>
<b>Gunnison, CO</b> (Gunnison Gorge)	BLM	R				<a href="#">Visitor Regulations</a>
<b>Illinois, OR</b>	USFS					<a href="#">Recreation</a>
<b>Jarbridge, ID</b>	BLM	LP/rigid /durable /non bio-degradable	Bio- degradable	NO RV type toilets	In river	<a href="#">Information Section</a>
<b>John Day, OR</b> (Mainstem)	BLM	LP/R	Cw			<a href="#">Portable Toilet information</a>

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Kern, CA	USFS	R				<a href="#">Leave No Trace on the Kern</a>
Klamath, CA (incl. Scott, Cal-Salmon)	USFS					<a href="#">Restrictions</a>
Missouri, MT	BLM	W/R	Approved degradable			<a href="#">Human Waste Management</a>
Owyhee: NV, OR, ID	BLM	LP/rigid /durable /non bio-degradable	Bio- degradable	NO RV type toilets	In river	<a href="#">Information Section</a>
Rio Chama, NM	BLM, USFS	W/R		NO bag systems	In river	<a href="#">Required river recreation items</a>
Rio Grande, NM	BLM	W/R		NO bag systems	In river	<a href="#">Required river recreation items</a>
Rio Grande, TX	NPS	W/R	e.g. Cw/R2/"blue bags"			<a href="#">River Use Regulations</a>
Roanoke, NC	Roanoke River Partners					<a href="#">River FAQs</a>
Rogue, OR	BLM, USFS	W/R/watertight	e.g. Cw/R2	NO RV type toilets/Snap-on lids (unless pre- approved)	In river	<a href="#">Human Waste pack out requirements</a>
Saint Croix: WI, MN	NPS					<a href="#">Camping Regulations</a>

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Salmon, ID (Main)	USFS		Meet EPA group II waste standards		In river/wet sand	<a href="#">Equipment Requirements</a>
Salmon, ID (Middle Fork)	USFS		Meet EPA group II waste standards		In river/wet sand	<a href="#">Equipment Requirements</a>
Salmon, ID (Lower)	BLM			NO bag systems	In river/on wet sand & vegetation	<a href="#">Minimum Impact Camping</a>
Salt, AZ	USFS					<a href="#">Permit information</a>
San Juan, UT	BLM	W/LP/R/animal-proof/with screw-on/ratchet-locking lid	Containing enzymes and polymers	NO snap-on lids		<a href="#">River Use Stipulations</a>
Snake: OR, ID (Hells Canyon)	USFS	set up toilet 100 feet away from any water				<a href="#">River use and Etiquette</a>
Snake, ID (South Fork)	BLM	W/R/watertight	e.g. Cw/R2	NO RV type toilets		<a href="#">River regulations</a>
Tuolumne, CA	USFS					<a href="#">River permit information</a>

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Verde, AZ	USFS	W/R	Containing enzymes and polymers		In river	<a href="#">Verde River Information</a>
Wallowa, OR	BLM	Containerized				<a href="#">Boater Information</a>
Yampa, CO	NPS	W/LP/R		NO bag systems	In river or high and far & 100ft from trails/water	<a href="#">Information and Regulations</a>

Rivers where it is encouraged to use a human waste pack out method....				
River	Agency	Recommendations	Dump Station(s)?	Urination
Chetco, OR	USFS			
Karluk, AK	ADFG			
Selway, ID	USFS	Washable	<a href="#">See Map</a>	Above high water mark
Smith, MT (*a pack out is required from Deer Creek camp)	FWP	Washable, reusable, Cw		
Susquehanna, PA	Susquehanna River Trail Association, PA DCNR, PA F&BC			

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