

## Porta Potty Folds To Briefcase Size

"Now we don't have to come in from work to use the bathroom," says Rick Ryan, Great Falls, Mont., who emailed FARM SHOW recently to tell us about the PETT portable plastic toilet he has started using. "And the disposable bags are biodegradable so you just throw them away," he adds.

The toilet weighs about 7 lbs. It rests on three 14-in. legs and folds to briefcase size. "It's designed to hold up to 500 lbs.," says Brian Phillips, vice president of Phillips Environmental Products, Inc.

The key to making the system work is a specialized bag kit that has two biodegradable bags - a waste bag that has a non-toxic odorless powder in it that absorbs and treats the waste and a zip-closed disposal bag. The kit also includes tissue paper and hand sanitizer.

"You can legally dispose of the used bags in the garbage," says Phillips, adding that there's enough powder for two or three uses in each kit.

The toilet sells for \$116.95 plus S&H. A 12-pack of bag kits sells for \$38.95.

The company also sells a privacy tent for \$162.95 and a separate backpack to hold both toilet and tent for \$76.95.

A complete system that includes the toilet, privacy tent, 15 bag kits, backpack and collection bag for waste carryout sells for \$383.95 plus S&H.

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**Specialized bag kit comes with two biodegradable bags, as well as tissue paper and hand sanitizer.**



## Reader Recipes

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Combine all the ingredients in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat and simmer for 20 min., stirring frequently. Remove from heat and cool slightly before using. Makes 1 1/2 cups

## Ukrainian Pickled Lettuce

1 1/2 cups vinegar  
1/2 cup coarse salt  
2 1/3 qts. cold water  
Lettuce  
Dill  
Garlic

Pack lettuce in sterilized jars with a few small pieces of dill and garlic. Make brine of ingredients. Mix well but don't boil water. Pour cold water over lettuce until the jar is at the point of running over. Seal and store. Will keep up to 3 years.

Thomas Strycharz

## Corn Cob Jelly

12 to 14 red corn cobs  
6 cups sugar  
2 pkgs Sure-Jell

Break corn cobs into thirds. Put the pieces in a large pot and cover with water. It should take about 9 to 10 cups of water. Cover the pot and boil for 30 minutes. While the cobs are cooking, get your jars and lids ready. After that time, drain and strain the liquid through a cloth such as a clean old tee shirt. Take 6 cups of the liquid and put back on the heat. Bring to a boil and add 2 pkgs. of Sure-Jell. Next, gradually add 6 cups of sugar. Return the pot to a boil, stirring to prevent sticking or scorching. Boil for 3 min. Remove from heat and ladle into the jars. Apply the lids, cover the filled jars with a towel, and let them self-seal. Makes about 5 pints.

## Farm-Tested Manure-Proof Boots

Besides operating a shoe store, Ken Knapp of Listowel, Ontario also runs a cattle farm, so he knows first-hand how hard manure is on work boots. That's why he's especially excited about a hot new Canadian-made "manure-proof" boot.

The "Royer Manure Proof Boot" is made by Quebec company L.P. Royer, (www.lproyer.com) who specializes in work shoes and safety footwear.

Before deciding to become a dealer and distributor dealer for the boots, Knapp carried out his own tests.

His friend, Andrew Mitchell, started wearing the boots for his daily farm work that involves fattening 400 steers, feeding pigs, and working at a stockyard.

"His boots are in manure most of the day, so he was an ideal person to test these Royer boots," Knapp explains. "Previously, he couldn't get a pair of boots to last six months, but he's been wearing the Royer Manure Boots for 14 straight months now, and they're still going strong."

As a boot dealer, Knapp says 90 percent of his sales are to farmers. Most people get anywhere from three to six months - and at the most a year - out of a set of new boots, according to Knapp. So, Mitchell's experience with Royer boots has both men convinced that the new boots are truly unique.

The company originally designed them for aluminum factory workers, to protect their feet from caustic acid.

Royer Boots have a water and manure-proof leather upper that happens to be an "ugly Royal blue," according to Knapp, who points out that the boot's performance is far more important than the color.

"The chemical used by the factory to make them manure-proof is what changes the leather to that color," Knapp explains. "I've decided to use the odd color as a catchy advertising slogan: Royer Blue is for you."

These special farm boots also have a newly designed type of sole called "Xpan." It has very little tread so it won't pick up manure and track it around. At the same time, it's extremely slip resistant because it's made from 100 percent rubber. It's also ideal for walking on ice, he says.

With the new manure boots fresh out of the factory, Knapp filled his long list of pre-orders in early November. However, he's still got another 52 people on a waiting list until February when the next batch comes.

The Royer Manure Proof Boot comes with either a 6-in. or 8-in. high upper. Both models have steel toe end plates.

Currently, the boots are priced at \$250 (Can.) per pair.

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**Royer Boots have a water and manure-proof leather upper; also a sole with very little tread so it won't pick up manure and track it around.**

## Budget-Priced Home Elevator

In-home elevators have always been too pricey for most people, and they required a lot of space, too. But a new type of elevator developed in Argentina might change that.

The "Residential Pneumatic Vacuum Elevator" is a completely self-supporting unit that installs in a couple of days, at a price many people might be able to justify. It's being sold by a Florida company, Daytona Elevator.

This lightweight unit is made of aluminum and polycarbonate. It has a footprint of just one square yard and requires no excavating pit or physical hoistway. It can be fitted to almost any 2 or 3-story home at a fraction of the cost of a normal elevator.

"It uses air power instead of cables so it looks like something out of Star Trek, operating on some advanced levitation principle," says Dawn O'Connor of Daytona Elevator. "More than 300 lifts have already been installed and are working perfectly. Although there's not much room inside, the lift is rated to a capacity of 450 pounds. There's enough room for two people."

Though it might look precarious, it is absolutely safe especially in the case of a power failure. Thanks to some "clever" locking mechanisms, the descending car automatically stops and locks exactly at floor level on the next floor.

Since air pressure, rather than mechanical apparatus moves the elevator car, the starting and stopping is very smooth, according to the company.

More photos and a video of the lifts can be seen at Daytona Elevator's website. The cost of installing the elevator depends on the location, number of levels served, height of the tube, and shipping charges. Openings need to be cut between floors (or it can lean up against a loft), and the home must be wired for 220-volt power. According to Daytona Elevator, the retrofitting costs are generally less than traditional elevators because extensive modifications to the home are not needed.

Besides a variety of elevator models, the company also sells stair lifts and dumbwaiters.

According to O'Connor, the ballpark price for a three-stop unit is around \$30,000 and for a two-stop it's around \$23,000.

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**New in-home elevator can be fitted to almost any 2 or 3-story home at a fraction of the cost of a normal elevator, says the manufacturer.**