

# New Stations May Ease Fears Of Portable Toilets

## Comfort Stations Use Water, Flushing Technology

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You know the feeling. You're out for a walk or watching your kids' soccer game when nature calls. The only thing around -- a portable toilet. You would rather hold it than brave the cramped box.

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Now, a new invention by Earl Braxton, of Utica, may give you a reason to want to use the nearest porta-john.

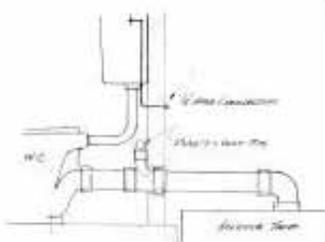
The Comfort Station is a miniature version of a home bathroom, according to *HOUR Detroit Magazine*. The toilet actually flushes and comes equipped with a small sink. The stations also use water instead of the blue chemical solution.

According to *HOUR*, the Braxtons take the Comfort Stations to festivals for use. They set them up next to the traditional portable toilets and offer a choice. Brave the old ones, or pay \$1 to use a Comfort Station. The magazine said the stations are selling like ice cream on a hot day.

Braxton told *HOUR* that the stations can go anywhere, but do require a water source and enough room to set up the holding tank into which the toilets flush.

According to [toilets.com](http://toilets.com), the stations can use garden hoses for a water source.

<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/4771808/detail.html>



United States Patent #6,721,967  
**Modular Portable Comfort Station**

This Modular Portable Comfort Station provides a regular and/or handicap accessible and compatible portable washroom that is simpler, private, comfortable, more sanitary, and that more effectively reduces undesirable odors than any other portable restroom.

This portable washroom includes not only a ceramic toilet but also includes a ceramic wash basin with fresh, hot and cold running tap water for further convenience and comfort that allows a user to wash up after using the toilet.

It is also modular and therefore easily-expandable by attaching several Comfort Stations together to form a single, larger structure capable of efficiently accommodating greater numbers of people.

The Comfort Station does not re-circulate or store any waste, either solid or liquid, through the toilet fixtures, thus eliminating any related odors and the need to suppress them with chemical treatment and, additionally, eliminates the need for pumps and fluid level switches and so does not require electrical hook ups to operate.

The Comfort Station only requires a readily available garden hose to supply fresh water from any reasonably available water source such as a tank, well, or nearby building and can be adapted to implement an existing septic system or sewer system such that pumping service will not be required.

The Comfort Station provides a safe, secure and private portable washroom that is pleasant to use and easily maintained and/or repaired in the field.

Please feel free to contact me with your questions.

Earl Braxton

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# What a Relief

Summer festivals in metro Detroit give you many reasons to get out of the house — a pleasant stroll in clement weather, music in the air, the opportunity to eat fried cheese — and one to stay indoors: Portable toilets. Be honest; it's hard to relax and enjoy a beer under the stars without thinking of what awaits when nature calls.

Jo Ann Braxton feels your pain. The proprietor, with her husband, Earl, of Porta-John Systems Inc. of Utica, says she won't even use her own product. Unless you're talking about the Comfort Station, Earl's invention, which they hope will revolutionize how Detroiters find relief outdoors.

They're the next generation of portables, a mini version of a home bathroom with a toilet that actually flushes — with water, not blue chemical solution. They're roomy, and even include a little sink. When the Braxtons take them to festivals, they set them up next to a bank of the old-fashioned kind and offer a choice: Pee free in the old ones, or pay \$1 to use a Comfort Station. It's like selling ice cream on a hot day.

"At first, we thought only women would use them, but then we noticed 30 percent of our business was men," says Jo Ann. "Women really give them rave reviews, though."

No wonder. No more hoping that the previous patron lifted the seat and had a decent aim. Young children, famously sensitive to icky smells, are less likely to balk at the door. "Worth every penny" is a comment Jo Ann says she hears often, as customers step out with a relieved smile.

According to Earl, the Comfort Stations can go anywhere. However, they do require a water source and enough room to set up the holding tank into which the toilets flush. Jo Ann and at least one other employee stand by to collect the fee and make sure they stay clean. "But I never have to clean," she says. "People use them the way they would at home."

To see the Comfort Station in action, go to the Plymouth Fall Fest the second weekend in September. And bring a dollar.

— Nancy Nall Derringer



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