

For the Construction Manager who MUST think of EVERYTHING . . .

As a Construction Manager, proper planning and preparation are essential. That's YOUR job. Every detail needs to be addressed. You must be on time and on budget, you must make sure all safety and building requirements are being met, and you must ensure for the overall safety and well-being of your workers. Consider it the ultimate in multi-tasking, and a true tribute to your abilities!

But quite often what seems like the most minor of details can easily be overlooked amidst the overwhelming volume of planning and scheduling - such as portable restrooms.

Many Construction Managers leave the renting of portable restrooms to last, or simply forget about them. Or workers must use off-site facilities, a decision which results in inefficiency and wasted man-hours. These scenarios can be the difference between a successful build and an unfavorable situation. Whether constructing a single-family home or a high-rise building, a proper 'sanitation plan' MUST be part of the preparation.

The basic portable restrooms are what come to mind for most. These are of course readily available, and now feature maximum ventilation and nonporous surfaces to prevent bacteria absorption and promote health. Hand Sanitizers are also offered free of charge to increase sanitation even more.

Also available for the construction industry is TEMPORARY FENCING, which is perfect for securing your site against unwanted visitors, and to protect you from certain liability issues, especially when any form of digging is being done (some towns, such as Westfield, N.J., require this). Also perfect for construction sites are portable water systems for field office trailers, which allow for the use of a flushing toilet – just like at home, no matter where you are located.

Having a groundbreaking or ribbon-cutting ceremony with dignitaries and other VIPs present? For those occasions, you can have "celebrity units" on site, which feature sinks, mirrors and lighting . . . or a luxury restroom trailer, many of which include simulated marble walls, wood laminated floors with area rugs, porcelain sinks with hot and cold running water, and wood doors, not to mention heat and air conditioning.

When selecting a provider for such a sensitive and critical need, it is important to base your decision on reputation and experience. While it is easy to think that all providers are the same, quite the opposite is true. What goes into preparing a unit for delivery, and the service guarantee and commitment behind it, should be determining factors in selecting a provider. Be diligent in asking these questions when selecting a provider:

- ✓ How long have you been in the portable restroom business?
- ✓ Do you have references?
- ✓ What process does the portable restroom go through prior to being delivered?
- ✓ What if there is a problem with the unit during my project?
- ✓ What is your service guarantee?

These are just a few of the important questions to ask when selecting a provider. Reputation, experience, preparation, service standards, and guarantee are the key factors in selecting a provider. Compromising in any area may mean a compromise in what may be the most important part of a construction job.