

How do washroom systems solve problems?

There are several types of problems that can be found in high volume washrooms. Some obvious, some not so obvious. In this guide we focus on some of the more common problems that our clients tell us they have, and list out the system types which can most effectively solve these problems.



Drain Blockages

This is caused by a number of factors, some which can't easily be controlled (such as debris like plastic bottles etc) but some factors that can.



Single sheet dispensing systems

These work well because they dramatically reduce the amount of tissue that is flushed down the toilet, meaning the likelihood of blockages is less. Ideal for use in high traffic washrooms such as schools and large warehouses where there are high numbers of people using the toilet. **They are best used with a pure tissue as this also breaks down more quickly in water.**

Use tissue that breaks down quickly

In the main a pure pulp tissue will break down more quickly than a recycled paper tissue. However, some systems are particularly optimised to ensure a rapid breakdown of toilet tissue, including the Northshore range of products.



Consider placement of hand towel dispensers

If your washroom has hand towel dispensers, consider their placement in relation to the toilets and bins, or consider using a unit that reduces the amount dispensed, such as a single sheet dispensing unit. Something like a 1ply C fold green paper towel is a fantastic product for blocking toilets should they find their way in - and they do!

Provide a toilet seat sanitising unit

Particularly in warehouses and other sites where there are a lot of different people using the washrooms, users may drape the toilet seat with tissue before using the facility. This can cause a whole load more tissue going in the toilet, so if you provide something to sanitise the seat such as a non alcoholic toilet seat sanitiser, then this can help alleviate the problem.



Constant refilling of dispensers by my facilities team

This can be a real problem in a busy washroom, and in a warehouse or a large school, there can be a number of washrooms on a big site. The obvious answer is to put more tissue in the cubicle – but it's not quite as simple as that.



Use a multi roll toilet roll dispensing system

An obvious answer is to use a multi roll system, of which many types are available. Some which we have found to work well are the Northshore 4 roll system – we particularly recommend this because you get 4 rolls in a dispenser that's no bigger than a standard jumbo dispenser. Some of the side by side dispensers can take up a lot of room in the cubicle

Use a single sheet toilet roll dispensing system

It might seem counter intuitive, but because these systems reduce the amount of product used by a considerable percentage, you increase the time between refills considerably.



Use a controlled dispense hand towel system

Using a controlled dispensing hand towel system can reduce the amount of paper dispensed by up to 5 times compared to a standard folded towel system. This gives the obvious benefit of having to refill the dispenser less (plus they tend to be very high capacity) but also gives the extra benefit of not having to get rid of waste so often, so you can win both ways.

Use a cartridge hand care system

Whilst there are many options for soap dispensers for washrooms, using a cartridge system is by far the best way to ensure ease and speed of refills for your facilities staff. Not only are the cartridges very easy and quick to replace when they need to be, they tend to last a lot longer than a traditional bulk fill hand dispenser – you could be looking at 2500 doses per dispenser before you have to replace the cartridge.



My washrooms are a mess

This is a problem encountered by many in busy washrooms – which is as frustrating for the facilities team as it is off-putting for the users. Whilst there's no argument that a lot of the mess is caused by human behaviour, there is a lot that can be done to alleviate mess. We've focussed on the mess caused by paper.



Use a controlled toilet roll dispensing system

Lots of paper mess on the floor comes from paper that dispenses too freely from the dispenser – prime examples are jumbo rolls that spin freely and bulk pack that can dispense like confetti. Most dispenser systems have some sort of restriction - e.g a brake, short sheet length, or like the single sheet dispenser, don't allow much to be taken in one go. This can help reduce mess on the floor.

Use a controlled paper towel system

As previously discussed, a controlled paper towel dispensing system drastically reduces the likelihood of paper towels finding their way to the floor compared with a standard folded towel system. This is because a folded towel system can dispense paper freely, often leaving the user with too much, which can fall on the floor. There may also be an argument for replacing paper towels with air dryers, although be aware that these can also cause issues with water build-up and also staining/mould in busy washrooms. They're also rumoured to not be very hygienic... but that's a topic for another day.



There are more...

This guide just covers some of the common challenges that using dispensing systems can solve. Often a system can solve more than one problem in one go, so it helps to understand the challenges that you're facing in your washroom before exploring the options that are available to you.

Knighton Janitorial have considerable experience with a number of different washroom systems and end user scenarios, so you're probably best booking a washroom audit with one of our advisors.

Contact us today to book a washroom audit!



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