

Litter Pan Hygiene

1. Rule of thumb for the amount of litter pans you should have is one for each cat plus one extra.
2. Litter pans should be in different locations, not right next to each other. Many cats do not like to urinate and defecate in the same pan or location.
3. Litter pans should be filled with **at least** 2 inches of litter. Most cats prefer scoopable litter without any added scents. Their sense of smell is much stronger than ours, and these smells can discourage them from using the pan.
4. Most cats prefer pans that are not covered and they should be large.
5. The pan(s) should be scooped at least once daily to remove waste and odor.
6. Every 2-3 weeks, the pan should be completely emptied and washed. New litter should be used after cleaning.
7. If your cat is older, he/she could have arthritis. For this reason, try not to have the sides of the pan be too tall. You can take a large pan with tall sides, and cut one side shorter so that they don't have a problem getting into the pan.