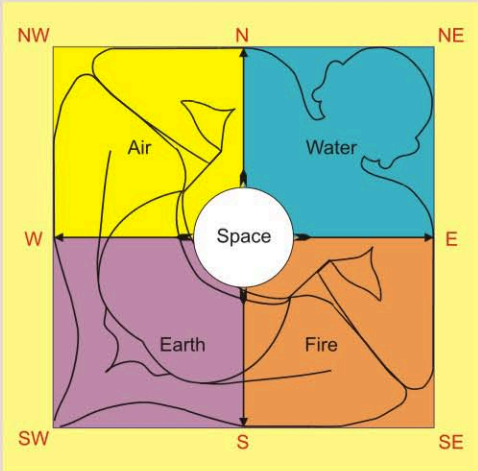




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### VAASTU ALERTS



Vaastu And The Five Elements

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In the current article, I deal with some aspects of a flat and the building over which the reader does not really have any control. However, I am stating the facts to help those of you who are in the process of buying a new flat. Also, I hope that many of my friends in the builder

community will take note of these points whilst constructing new buildings. We shall be discussing three aspects - compound wall of a building, the Brahmasthana and the proper location of toilets.

#### Compound wall

The compound wall should always be constructed last. If there are concerns pertaining to the security of construction

materials lying on the site, one can have fencing initially which can finally be replaced by a proper compound wall. As a rule, compound walls should be straight and the walls must meet at right angles, which is to say that the corners should not be circular. Also, the compound wall should be of a minimum four feet height and should not have fancy shapes.

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**Compound wall should have Corners at 90°**

**Compound wall should not have Rounded Corners**

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## Commodes & Bathrooms

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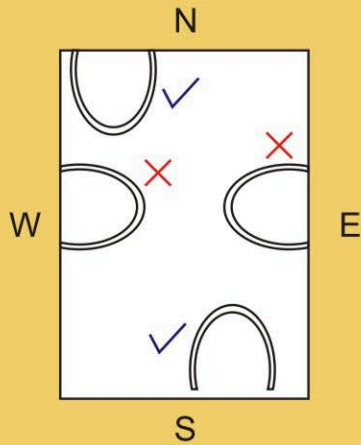


Diagram - B

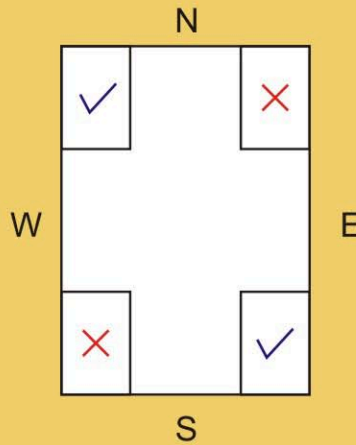


Diagram - A

Diagram - A indicates the direction in which one is to face whilst on the commodes in the toilet.

Diagram - B

Diagram - B indicates the location of a bathroom/toilet in a flat.

### The Brahmasthana

The Brahmasthana is the central square of the plot or the building. It is also the central square of your flat. According to the shastras, care should be taken to keep the Brahmasthana clear of weights, etc. It is also preferable that

no walls should trespass it. Diagonal lines crisscross the site as they are joined to the cardinal directions. It is also preferable that these lines should remain uncluttered and clear, however, beams are permissible in this case.

support his/her parents but a Vaastu-perfect home procured with wisdom and toil and with one's honest earnings will certainly help that individual to live a life of health, wealth and happiness. It has been rightly remarked in the shastras that first we build our homes and then the homes build us. ■

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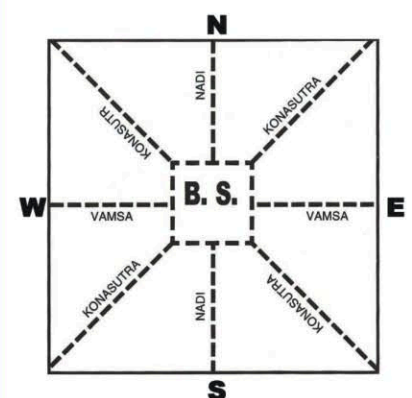
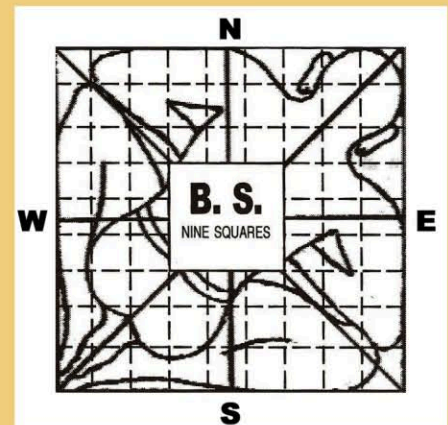
### Toilets and Bathrooms

The subject of toilets and bathrooms has created several controversies, arising out of misinterpretations. Toilets should never be in the north-east. One very dangerous development that I have noted is that people believe that since the north-east is considered to be a depressed place, they build their toilets there. Worse still is the practice of making septic tanks in the north-east. This should be avoided at all costs.

There is a general impression that toilets should not be in the south-west. Toilets may be made here provided the floor is raised adequately. However, this provision is only permissible in flats and not row-houses and bungalows. The accompanying diagram of Toilets and Bathrooms indicates the proper location of toilets.

### Conclusion

There arises a doubt. Does one really have to struggle a lot to buy a flat in a building that satisfies most of the important Vaastu rules? The answer to that question is a loud yes. As every parent struggles to bring up his/her child, similarly every individual has to put in that extra effort to acquire a permanent and beneficial home. It may or may not happen that a well-brought up child may eventually



The Brahmasthana