



श्रीमते रामानुजाय नमः

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR BHUMI PUJA

coconuts [with husk if possible]	1	
bananas	6	
Seasonal Fruits 5 kinds		
betel leaves	1 pkt	
betel nuts (whole)	5	
Yellow mustard seeds	100 gms	
kumkum	1 container	
flowers	1 bunch	
camphor	5 blocks	
rice [white]	1 kilo	
matches or lighter	1 unit	
incense sticks	1 pkt	
Sweet meats (mitai) or halwa	500 gms	
Yoghurt	250gms	
Black gram (boiled)	200gms	

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

mango leaves - unblemished (washed) 5  
paper towels (or hand towels) 1 roll  
Banana leaves 1  
3 litres of water (if tap not available)  
large mat to sit on  
a few large trays and large bowls  
bag for rubbish

Dear yajaman please note:—

Until now we have avoided setting fees for Pujas, since it is our sacred duty and not our business, but due to the fact that some yajamanas have been unfair in their charity, indifferent to the value of our time and unmindful of the cost of living to which we too are subjected, we are now compelled to set a minimum dakshina of \$250 per ceremony.

1. BHUMI PUJA — breaking of the soil. In this ceremony we are asking the forgiveness of mother earth for the violence that is about to be done to her on our instigation for the building of the house. We are also requesting the forgiveness for disturbing the habitate of innumerable creatures living on the land we are also requesting all the disembodied spirits, hungry ghosts and others to leave the site and allow us to build the house and live in peace

and tranquility. (Time approx 1 hour)

2. SHILA NYASA — laying of the foundation stones. Once the builder has excavated the land and has placed the markers for laying the slab we can then perform this ceremony. It consists of sanctifying 5 bricks and placing them in the corners and center of the foundation. During this ceremony we also lay the five metals (pancha-loha) and also the nava-ratna. After this the slab is laid and construction commences. (Time approx 2 hours)

3. VASTU SHANTI — This ceremony is done upon completion of the house and prior to moving in. (Time approx 1.5 hrs)