

Water Storage

Ways to Store Water

1. 2 liter soda bottles (better than milk jugs because milk jugs are made to biodegrade and they will leak)
2. Boxed Water
 - 25 gallon containers
 - 5 gallon boxes with Mylar lining
 - 1 quart size boxes
 - 4 oz water packets
3. Empty canning jars – use caution. Accessibility and portability of water containers is important.

How Much to Store

- ★ Families need a minimum of 7 gallons per person to last 2 weeks.
- ★ For bathing and dish washing, 7 gallons more per person is recommended.
- ★ In an emergency, water may be obtained from pools, water heaters, toiler tanks, water beds, canned vegetables and ice cubes.
- ★ Caution – if you choose to store water in milk jugs, add bleach to the water to protect against bacteria growth,

Purifying Water

Boiling – do so for 3-5 minutes plus an extra minute for each 1000 ft above sea level.

Household Bleach – add 2 drops to 1 quart of clear water and 4 to cloudy water. Stir and let stand for 30 minutes. If one can't taste or smell the bleach, add another dose and let stand for 15 more minutes.

Water Purification Tablets – Halizone is a brand. 1 tablet for 1 quart of clear water and 2 for cloudy water.

2% Tincture of Iodine can be used for smaller amounts of water. Add 3 drops to 1 quart of clear and 6 drops to 1 quart of cloudy.