BEST PREP.

GUIDE 04 · PRINT IT AND KEEP IT WITH YOUR KIT

EMERGENCY WATER

How much to store, how to keep it and how to make it safe.



1 GAL	8 DROPS	30 MIN
per person per day · 4 L	of bleach per gallon	wait before drinking

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HOW MUCH

- 1 gal · 4 L per person per day
- 1 person: 3 gal (3 days) · 14 gal (2 weeks)
- 4 people: 12 gal · 56 gal
- Pets: about 1 oz per lb · 60 ml per kg

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CONTAINERS

- Food-grade only (HDPE, #2)
- Never milk or juice jugs
- Max 5-6 gal · 20-25 L each
- Dark, away from chemicals

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ROTATE

- Bottled: by date, rotating
- Tap water: every 6-12 months
- Label with the fill date

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HIDDEN WATER AT HOME

- Water heater: 13-26 gal · 50-100 L
- Pipes: open a high tap, collect low
- Toilet tank, never the bowl
- Bathtub: for flushing and cleaning

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MAKE IT SAFE

- Boil: 1 min (3 min above 6,500 ft)
- 5-6% bleach: 8 drops/gal · 16 if cloudy · 30 min
- Tablets: respect the wait time
- Filters: most don't remove viruses

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COMMON MISTAKES

- Barrels too heavy to move
- Scented bleach or bleach with detergent
- Water next to gasoline or cleaners
- Counting on the water heater as plan A

! Always have two different ways to purify, such as a filter and tablets. No method removes gasoline or pesticides.