

The Preparedness Store

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WATER STORAGE & FILTERING

Suggested Water Storage for a Family:

FEMA suggests a 2 week supply of a ½ gallon per person per day

Red Cross suggests a 2 week supply of 1 gallon per person per day

The LDS Church suggests a 2 week supply of 1 gallon per person per day

This suggestion allows approximately ½ gallon for drinking water and ½ gallon for food preparation and cleaning. We would suggest to store as much as possible, with a minimum of 30 gallons per person for a 2 week supply.

We would suggest for a family of 4 or 5, to store about 150 gallons:

For extra people, store a 55 gallon drum for every 2 people.

\$ _____ 2 – 55 gallon drums. The most cost effective way to store water.

\$ _____ 8 - 5 gallon containers. The square/stackable kind are recommended as they are easy to move and carry.

\$ _____ 1 - Siphon Pump. This is used to pump out water from the 55 gallon drum.

\$ _____ 2 - Extra lids & Flo-Rite spigots. These are put on the 5 gallon containers which you can then lay sideways over a sink for on/off running water. One in the kitchen and one in the bathroom is recommended.

\$ _____ 1 - Bottle of Ion. This is put in the 55 gallon drums and will keep them algae and bacteria free for 7 years. There is no smell and no taste to Ion. One bottle will treat 2 drums.

\$ _____ Total cost for water storage for your family

CONTAINER PREPARATION:

Make sure you use food grade quality containers that will last, not break or leak, or break down over time. (such as milk jugs) Any water container you plan to use should be cleaned and sanitized. For a 55 gallon drum, use about 2 gallons of HOT water and approximately 2 tbsp. of Clorox, put lids back on and roll drum around and turn upside down, making sure all areas on the inside of the drum are coated. Dump out Clorox water, and fill with clean drinkable water. For smaller containers, fill about ¼ to 1/3 full of hot water with ½ to 1 tsp. Clorox, and shake to coat inside of container. Dump out and fill. Depending on where you live, water containers should be rotated (cleaned, sanitized and refilled) every 6 months to 1 year.