

Top 12

Emergency Water Items To Store

When your normal water source fails

The following 12 items will help you be water self-sufficient in the event you lose your home's water supply, whether it be from an earthquake, extended power outage, broken well pump, frozen/broken pipes, or contamination. Always plan for the failure to last for an extended period of time, maybe months.

- Four large containers of drinking water** with spigots. *(5 or 7 gallon each)**
- Ten 1-gallon jugs** of drinking water. *(preferably glass)**
- Two 55-gallon barrels** of drinking water. *(can be purchased with pump)**
- Two Large tarps** at least 12'X12' for catching rainwater.
- Two heavy-duty large trashcans** with lids for catching and storing water.
- Bleach** in four 2-quart jugs. *(store warm, rotate every year)*
- Eyedroppers** for measuring bleach to disinfecting water, 8 drops per gallon.
(tape to bleach jugs)
- A short hose** to attach to water heater for filling containers. *(2 to 4 feet)*
- Two 5-gallon jerry cans** for transporting water.
- Disposable paper plates and bowls** to conserve wash water. *(100 each)*
- Washboard** and/or **clothing bucket washer** to conserve wash water.

*** Never set non-glass water containers directly on concrete** *(lye properties in concrete can react)*. Clean disinfected water *(tap water)* can also be inexpensively stored in sealed clean 5 gallon food grade buckets. Water will be good for many years.