Emergency Water Storage

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STORE YOUR SUPPLY

- ☐ Calculate 1 gallon per person per day, plus extra for pets, heat, or illness.
- ☐ Fill clean food-grade containers completely with cold tap water to limit air space.
- ☐ Label each container with the fill date and store in a cool, dark place below 70°F.
- ☐ Keep containers off concrete floors using pallets, boards, or shelving.

MAINTAIN & PURIFY

- ☐ Replace stored tap water every 6 months; follow dates on bottled water.
- ☐ Check containers for leaks, cloudiness, discoloration or odor; never taste suspect water.
- ☐ Boil clear water suspected of containing germs for 1 minute (3 minutes above 6,500 ft).
- ☐ For clear water, use 8 drops of unscented 5-9% bleach per gallon; wait 30 minutes.

SAFETY NOTE Do not assume boiling, ordinary filters or bleach make chemically contaminated water safe. Use bottled water and follow local health advice.

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Full guide: readyguidance.com/preparedness/water-storage-guide/

Safety reference: https://www.cdc.gov/water-emergency/about/how-to-create-and-store-an-emergency-water-supply.html