

# How To Store Drinking Water For Emergency Use



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A basic emergency kit should include at least one gallon of water per person, per day (for drinking and sanitation), for at least 14 days. (Those with special needs, like nursing mothers, young children, and people with medical issues, may require more.)

- 1. Use clean containers:** Do not use containers which previously stored food with strong odors (mayonnaise, pickles, etc) as the water will pick up the odor during storage.
- 2. Disinfect containers:** Wash containers thoroughly, then rinse in a mild bleach solution (one capful of liquid bleach to one gallon of water), then rinse again, thoroughly.

### **3. Fill container with water from the tap:**

Fill the container to the top, keeping a minimal amount of air between the water and the cap. To ensure the water is safe to drink, add one drop of mild liquid bleach per gallon of water, cap, and store in a cool, dark place.

- 4. Extended Storage:** If you plan to store water for four weeks or longer, add one-half cap of mild liquid bleach per gallon of water, cap, and store in a cool, dark place.

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