

# Emergency Prep Newsletter - Draper Utah Suncrest Stake

August 2021

## August: Water Storage

### Do you have Water Stored for Emergencies?

Water is vital to our survival, so it's important to store a MINIMUM of 1 gallon of water per person per day in preparation for an emergency. That's a ½ gallon for drinking and a ½ gallon for food preparation and sanitation. You will need more at high altitudes or in dry climates. People who are older or sick, children, nursing mothers, and those who are physically exerting themselves will also need more.



Store a MINIMUM 2 week supply (14 gallons each) for you and your family in clean, airtight containers. Look for the "HDPE" and "2" label on containers for safe, long term storage. Place containers on wood to protect and insulate from cement floor.

You don't need to do anything to municipal "tap" water before filling your containers. It is already treated and ready for your storage. Be sure to fill your containers full. This keeps their gaskets moist and maintains an airtight seal.

After filling, put your water storage in an area or areas of your house that are cool (50–70°F), dark, and dry. Check your containers yearly and replace the water as necessary. If there are no leaks or contamination, water can be stored for 5 years or longer without rotation.

**DO NOT** store water in glass or metal because of breaking and rust.  
**DO NOT** store water in milk jugs. They break down and become brittle.  
**DO NOT** store water in containers which held hazardous chemicals such as gasoline or pesticides.

Additional tools you may need:

1. **Bung Wrench** - Water barrel openings have a type of cross on the cap. Because of this, in order to get water into or out of the water barrel you will need a bung wrench to open the cap.
2. **Water Barrel Syphon** - A hygienic way to remove water from your water barrel to cook, drink, or using it to clean.
3. **Water Barrel Dolly** – Water is HEAVY. It weighs approximately 8 pounds per gallon. In the case you need to move your water barrels, you may need a dolly.
4. **Water Filter** - It's a portable way to filter water. You can filter water from streams, lakes, ponds, or other water sources. This gives you the ability to have clean water wherever you go.



## Stake Emergency Prep Calendar

### Monthly Focus

Aug 2021 – Water Storage

Sept 2021 – Get Trained

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm – **Emergency Prep Workshop "Communications 101"**

Oct 2021 – Food Storage I

Nov 2021 – Food Storage II

Dec 2021 - Family Emergency Plan

Jan 2021 – 72 Hour Emergency Kit

Feb 2021 – Communications

March 2021 – Sanitation

April 2021 – Earthquake Prep

May 2021 – WILDFIRE Prep

June 2021 – DURING the Disaster

### Stake Presidency Message:

We feel strongly that everyone in our Suncrest community needs to be prepared for emergencies. Currently, conserving water during this drought and preparing your family and home against wildfires should be a priority.

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Helpful Websites -  
Emergency Prep

[Be Ready Utah](#)

[FEMA.gov](http://FEMA.gov)

[DPS – Emergency Management | Emergency Management \(utah.gov\)](#)

[Emergency Preparedness and Response | CDC](#)

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