

Emergency Prep Newsletter - Draper Utah Suncrest Stake

Sept 2023

September: 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 or each person) 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. Big Berkey Water Filters – www.foodstorage depot.com



Stake Emergency Prep Calendar

Monthly Focus

- Oct 2023 – Communications
- Nov 2023 – Food Storage Part 1
- Dec 2023 – Family Emergency Plan
- Jan 2024 – 72 Hour Emergency Kit
- Feb 2024 – DURING the Disaster
- Mar 2024 – Sanitation
- April 2024 – Block Captains
- May 2024 – Get Trained
- June 2024 – Wildfire Prep
- July 2024 – Earthquake Prep
- Aug 2024 – Food Storage Part 2

Stake Presidency Message

Our Stake is moving forward in being more prepared for natural disasters – focusing on communicating with our members and community. We urge you to prepare your family and neighbors.

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Helpful Websites -
Emergency Prep

[Be Ready Utah](http://BeReadyUtah.com)

FEMA.gov

[DPS – Emergency Management | Emergency Management \(utah.gov\)](http://DPS - Emergency Management | Emergency Management (utah.gov))

Emergency Preparedness and Response | CDC

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