

GET PREPARED!

CHECKLIST FOR WATER IN AN EMERGENCY.

Part 2: Getting Prepared with Bottled Water.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BOTTLED WATER: Having a supply of bottled water is one of the most important preparations that you should do BEFORE an emergency strikes. Bottled water is quick, easy and reliable. It will be hugely important in the first few days of an emergency because it will allow you to focus on other actions immediately after an emergency, such as gathering your family together and dealing with injuries.



How much bottled water should you have on hand?

How many people will be using it?	# of gallons needed over 14 days?	Approx. # of 500ml bottles?
1	14	105
2	28	210
3	42	315
4	56	420
5	70	525
6	84	630
7	98	735
8	112	840
9	126	945
10	140	1,050

One Gallon Per Person Per Day x 14 Days

For example, if you have three people in your family you will want to have 42 gallons of water on hand.

Points to keep in mind ...

- 1 Think realistically about the number of people who will actually be using your water. For example, will your son and his entire family be using your water? If yes, then you need to add them into the calculation.
- 2 Children and babies consume more water for their weight than adults, so just because they're small, don't assume they need less water.
- 3 500ml bottles are approximately the same size as 16.9 oz bottles.
- 4 Your use of water may vary depending upon the size of your body, how much you exert yourself and the environmental temperature.
- 5 Do not ration water to save water. Drink what you need now, and then find more later.

1/2 gallon + 1/2 gallon
per day for drinking per day for hygiene, etc.

BIG BOTTLES VS. SMALL BOTTLES

Question: Should I keep an inventory of large 5-gallon bottles or small 500ml bottles?

Answer: You can use either, but small 500ml bottles have a lot of advantages over large 3 or 5 gallon bottles, including...

- Small bottles make it easier to know how much water each person is using, and to keep track of inventory.
- They are easier to travel with.
- Easier to dispense specific amounts to people.
- Small bottles seal better and last longer than 5 gallon bottles.
- Less chance of contamination. Every time you open a bottle of water you potentially expose it to contamination. By using small bottles you are only risking a small amount of water at a time. If you open a 5-gallon bottle, you are risking contamination of the whole 5 gallons.



What Brand?

I like Aquafina, because it's high-purity water, produced with high quality controls, it's inexpensive and it's available most everywhere. Other brands include Dasani, Nestle, Smartwater, Sparklets and Arrowhead. Look for respected brands that produce high-purity water.

Proper Storage

Keep the bottles sealed until you need them. Store them in a dark place at room temperature or cooler (no temperature extremes). You should plan on rotating out your bottles of water after a year or so, or after the expiration date on the bottles.

Protect It!

In an emergency, bottled water will become a very valuable asset. Don't squander it. Lock it away and assign someone to carefully manage your inventory. By keeping your bottled water safe, you are keeping your loved ones safe.

When To Use It.

For the first two-days drink bottled water to keep hydrated while you focus on immediate dangers and keeping your family safe. Then decide whether to continue to drink bottled water or to make your own safe drinking water and save your bottled water for later.

Yes, bottled water is important, but it's NOT a complete solution. You need to know much more about water in an emergency, because after a disaster strikes, the water coming from your tap could quickly become dangerously contaminated.

Go to www.EmergencyWater101.com to learn more.