# The 3-Day Family Water Plan

BY LIVING WATER HOMESTEAD



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# DROUGHT IN 44 STATES. STORE AT LEAST 3 DAYS OF WATER.

**U.S. Drought Monitor, Nov. 17, 2026:** 44 states in moderate drought or worse; 95 million people affected.

## HOW MANY GALLONS TO STORE

At least **1 gallon** per person, per day, for **3 days**. Store extra for children, anyone pregnant, nursing or sick, and in hot weather.

| People | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 days | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 |
| 2 weeks, if you can | 14 | 28 | 42 | 56 | 70 | 84 |

## YOUR FAMILY'S NUMBERS

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| 1 | 3 days: | ____ people | x 3 = | ____ gallons |
| 2 | 2 weeks: | ____ people | x 14 = | ____ gallons |
| 3 | Pets: | ____ gallons a day | x 3 = | ____ gallons |
| 4 | 3-day total (lines 1 + 3): | | | ____ gallons |

*"By faith Noah ... prepared an ark to the saving of his house"*

HEBREWS 11:7 (KJV)

## DO THIS WEEKEND

- ☐ Buy bottled water or food-grade jugs.
- ☐ Buy unscented bleach (**5% to 9%** sodium hypochlorite).
- ☐ Sanitize jugs before filling (page 2).
- ☐ Label "drinking water" and the date.
- ☐ Store at **50°F to 70°F**, away from sun and gasoline.
- ☐ Set a 6-month reminder for jugs you filled yourself.

**Where we keep our water:** _____

**Main water valve:** _____

## NO SAFE WATER FROM THE TAP?

**Use your stored water first. To make other water safe:**

### BOIL IT (BEST)

Let cloudy water settle, then pour off the clear water. Bring it to a rolling boil for **1 minute** (**3 minutes** above **6,500 feet**). Let it cool.

### CAN'T BOIL? USE BLEACH

Unscented bleach (**5% to 9%** sodium hypochlorite): **8 drops** per gallon. Stir well and wait at least **30 minutes**. Double it for cloudy, murky, colored or very cold water.

⚠ **Fuel or toxic chemicals in it? Boiling and bleach can't make it safe. Don't use it.**

⚠ **Running low? Drink what you need today: never ration unless authorities order it.**

Sources: CDC: Emergency Water Supply (2025), Make Water Safe in an Emergency (2024), Find Clean Water in an Emergency (2025), Make Water Safe poster; Ready.gov: Water, Pets; U.S. Drought Monitor: Nov. 17, 2026; King James Version.




NEVER STORE WATER IN BLEACH JUGS

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# STORE WATER THE CDC WAY: CLEAN IT, FILL IT, DATE IT

## WHAT TO STORE IT IN

- Easiest: unopened bottled water. CDC calls it the safest source in an emergency.
- Filling your own? Use food-grade containers from surplus or camping stores.
- No food-grade jug? Use an unbreakable one (not glass) with a tight lid and, ideally, a narrow neck.
- Never use a jug that held bleach, pesticides or other toxic chemicals.

## CLEAN IT IN 6 STEPS

1. **Wash.** Use soap, then rinse well.
2. **Sanitize.** Mix **1 teaspoon** unscented bleach (**5% to 9%** sodium hypochlorite) in **1 quart** (**4 cups**) of water.
3. **Shake.** Pour it in, cover tightly, shake well so it touches every inside surface.
4. **Wait.** At least **30 seconds**. Then pour it out.
5. **Dry.** Let the empty container air-dry.
6. **Fill.** Pour in clean water. Close with a tight lid.

## KEEP IT FRESH

- Label it “drinking water” with the date you stored it.
- Keep it at **50°F to 70°F**, out of direct sun, away from gasoline, pesticides and other chemicals.
- Water you filled yourself: replace it every **6 months**. Store-bought: go by its expiration date.
- Pour from the jug, or use a clean scoop each time. Don’t scoop with your hands.

## IF YOUR WATER MAY BE UNSAFE

- A portable filter won’t remove viruses. After filtering, add a disinfectant.
- Fuel or toxic chemicals in it? Boiling and bleach can’t make it safe.
- Use bottled water or another source; call your health department.

## WATER ALREADY IN YOUR HOME

CDC’s backup list, if you have no bottled, boiled or treated water:

- Your water heater tank (the one for your faucets and showers).
- Toilet tank water (not the bowl), only if clear and not treated with toilet cleaners.
- Melted ice cubes (made with water that was not contaminated).
- Liquid from canned fruit and vegetables.

⚠ Pool and spa water: cleaning and hygiene only, not drinking. Never use water from heating radiators or boilers.

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HOW FAR STORED WATER GOES

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# A FULL 55-GALLON BARREL LASTS FOUR PEOPLE ONLY ABOUT 13 DAYS.

**42 POUNDS**
about what one full 5-gallon jug weighs

**100 POUNDS**
about what 3 days of water for a family of 4 weighs

**467 POUNDS**
about what 2 weeks of water for a family of 4 weighs

The 3 days, 2 weeks and 13 days use CDC's minimum: 1 gallon a person a day.

**And a filter only cleans water you already have.**

## THE WATER YOU CAN'T SEE

Warm air holds water you can't see. Cool it, and the water drops out.

It's why a cold glass sweats on a humid porch, and why the grass is wet at sunrise.

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Sources: CDC: Emergency Water Supply (2025); USGS: weight of water (8.34 pounds a gallon).