

JUST ONE THING

THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER FOR THE ORANGE CALIFORNIA STAKE

FIRST 3 WEEKS



In addition to the First 3 Day supplies, plan for enough water, food, and personal items to last 3 weeks.

Although we have touched on the topic a couple of times already, we are revisiting the topic of water because it is so important. By now you should have enough water to last for at least 3 days, but we are going to up that goal to have enough water to last for at least 3 weeks. At a bare minimum, you should be *storing at least one gallon of water per person, per day*, but it is *better to try to store 2- 4 gallons of water per person per day*. For example, a family of four would need between 84 – 336 gallons of water. That is a lot of water, but please don't be daunted by those big numbers. You can do this! Or at least you can store more water than you have now.

In order to store that much water, you're going to need to be creative and use a variety of methods. (See the June issue of *Just One Thing* for more specifics on water containers & water storage tips.) This month I want you to make a specific plan of how much water you want to store, then based on your budget and available space, start working toward that goal. Even if you don't get it all stored by the end of September, you'll know what your goal is and can keep working towards that goal. Please use the worksheet on the reverse side to calculate your water goals.

Here is a link to a site with multiple great articles about emergency water storage:

<https://theprovidentprepper.org/category/water-disinfection-and-storage/>

IF YOU ONLY HAVE TIME TO DO ONE THING THIS MONTH, DO THIS:

September's ONE Thing

DETERMINE HOW MUCH WATER YOU NEED TO STORE TO LAST FOR AT LEAST 3 WEEKS AND THEN START STORING IT.

GENERAL 3 WEEK WATER STORAGE GOALS



Good Goal = 1 gallon per person	
# of People in household	Gallons to Store
1	21
2	42
3	63
4	84
5	105

Better Goal = 2 gallons per person	
# of People in household	Gallons to Store
1	42
2	84
3	126
4	168
5	210

Best Goal = 4 gallons per person	
# of People in household	Gallons to Store
1	84
2	168
3	252
4	336
5	420



This year we are gradually getting better prepared by going through the *Power of 3 Member Preparedness Plan*.

You can find the *Power of 3 plan* at <https://www.orangestakelinks.com/>

See the "Emergency Preparedness" tab for previous issues and additional information.



Time For More?



WHEN YOU FINISH "JUST ONE THING" AND HAVE TIME TO DO MORE

WATER STORAGE PLAN

STEP 1: DETERMINE HOW MUCH WATER YOU NEED TO STORE.

_____	X	_____	X	_____	=	_____*
# of People		Daily Amount (1 – 4 Gallons)		Days		Gallons Needed
_____	X	.5	X	_____	=	_____**
# of Pets		Gallons per cat or dog		Days		Gallons Needed

_____ * Gallons for People + _____ ** Gallons for Pets = _____ Water Storage Goal →

STEP 2: DETERMINE HOW MUCH WATER YOU HAVE ON HAND.

Note: Your containers & sizes may be different than those listed. Adjust the table to meet your needs.

STEP 3: DETERMINE HOW MUCH WATER YOU NEED TO ACQUIRE.

Containers	# of Containers on Hand	X Gallons Per Container	= Total Gallons on Hand
Recycled 2-Liter Soda Bottles		.5	
Case of Water Bottles			
Water Pouches			
Boxed Water			
Canned Water			
Water Bricks		1.5 or 3	
Water Cooler Bottles		5	
Water Barrels		35 or 55	
Water Tanks			
			+
Add up how much water you have on hand and compare that to the goal you calculated above. The difference indicates how much water you need to buy, or if you have enough on hand.			=
Total Water on Hand			
Water Storage Goal			-
Amount Needed			

STEP 4: BUY & STORE WATER, THEN ROTATE YOUR SUPPLY AS NEEDED.

The above plan was adapted from one made by TheProvidentPrepper.org. For additional info and samples, please go to: <https://theprovidentprepper.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Water-Storage-Action-Plan-New.pdf>

Editor's Note: The "I" in this newsletter is Laurel Evans, the Stake Emergency Preparedness Specialist. Please note that I am not an expert in all things emergency preparedness, but I'll share my knowledge and experience with you. I hope you will find my humble efforts helpful on your journey to being better prepared. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or corrections, please email me at OrangeStakePreparedness@gmail.com. Happy Preparing! *You can do this!*