JUST ONE THING

THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER FOR THE ORANGE CALIFORNIA STAKE



Although we have touched on the topic a couple of times already, we are revisiting the topic of water because is to 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/

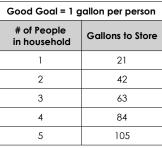
IF YOU ONLY HAVE TIME TO DO ONE THING THIS MONTH, DO THIS:

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



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 # of People	Daily Amou (1 – 4 Gallon 	X X Days		=* Gallons Needed =* Gallons Needed		
	# of Pets	Gallons pe cat or dog					
*	Gallons for People +	+** Gal	llons for Pe	ts =	Water Stora	ge Goal ———	
STEP 2: DETERMINE	Contain	iers	# of Cor		Gallons Per Container	Total Gallons on Hand	
HOW MUCH	Recycled 2-Liter Soda Bottles				.5		
WATER YOU	Case of Water Bot						
HAVE ON HAND.	Water Pouches						
	Boxed Water						
Note: Your containers & sizes may be different than those listed. Adjust the	Canned Water						
	Water Bricks				1.5 or 3		
	Water Cooler Bottle	es			5		
	Water Barrels				35 or 55		
table to meet	Water Tanks						
your needs.							
STEP 3:							
DETERMINE						+	
HOW MUCH	Add up how much w	goal you calculo	ated above.		⊥ Vater on Hand r Storage Goal		
NEED TO ACQUIRE.	The difference indicates how much water you need to buy, or if you have enough on hand. 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!