

Water Handout- May 2018

It is recommended that **each family should have 2 gals per person per day for 3 days in carryable containers in case of evacuation.** That is **6 gallons per person in your family.** We know that most of you with children will not be able to carry this much water if evacuation is required by foot. However, having it in a location where it can be easily loaded in a car or truck is a good idea, most evacuations are not by foot. If something happens and you can not carry it in your car than carry as much as you can. This is a bare minimum to have in the house at all times. You can recycle it but don't run out and then go buy more. Build a reserve that you recycle but keep on hand for emergency use when you can not buy or obtain more at your facet.

In addition, the church recommends having at least a two week supply (more if possible) in larger, not necessarily evacuation ready containers, if we have to shelter at home. Most emergencies end up being shelter at home emergencies but with possible restricted access to services. That would be **28 gal per person for a two week supply.** Although this sounds like a lot, it is one of the the most important parts of emergency preparation and is one of the least expensive and easiest to do. You can use your own recycled 2 liter soda bottles or juice bottles and fill them from the tap if you can't afford to buy containers. **DO SOMETHING THIS MONTH - MAY 2018**

How we did it.

Darwin and I bought **6 gallons at Costco for \$3.89** in 6 one gallon containers wrapped in plastic in the bottled water section of the store. In addition we bought 2 "water bricks" that carry about 3.5 gallons each and are easier to carry by hand. That gives us our 3 day supply. The cost increased because of the "water bricks", they are about \$18.00 each but can be stacked like legos and are easier to carry down at your side and store in tight spaces. There are lots of solutions just google water storage or go out to the website <https://www.GF4prepared.com> for more ideas.

For the 2 week supply we found a local dealer who sells used food grade 55 gal barrels (they had soy sauce in them and he has cleaned them thoroughly and I cleaned them again). They were \$30.00 per barrel (a lot less than online). Just Google "Arizona Barrels". That gives us 110 gals of water for drinking. Many people prefer to use a system that they use continuously, like the blue 5 gallon water jugs that can be inverted on a delivery system. We used this type of system for our water needs while we were in Brazil for 20 months. We could not drink the water from the tap and we used the water from this system for both drinking and cooking. For washing dishes we could use the tap water if we boiled it first and then added clorox. We kept one 5 gallon jug on the delivery crock and had 3 more on hand. As we emptied one we cycled to the next bottle in our stored supply and bought another one. That gave us between 15 and 20 gallons on hand at all time. There are lots of other ideas at the website. I am trying to make improvements on the site and make it easier to find things. Please be patient and let us know if something is not working.