EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Water Supply

Social Story







An important part of emergency preparedness is making sure our family has enough fresh and clean water.



no bacteria, viruses or Protozoa





fresh drinking water

Humans can live up to 3 days without fresh water. The water needs to be safe to drink and free of bacteria, Protozoa, and viruses.



cooking



cleaning



bathing

We also need water for cooking, cleaning, and bathing. We can plan to be sure we have enough water for our family in case of an emergency.





4 people in our family



12 x 1 gallon water bottles

In an emergency situation our family can get by with 1 gallon of water for every person for every day. We need to have enough water for each person for 3 days. So if there are 4 people in our family, then we should have 12 gallons of water.



drink plenty of clean water



unclean water can make you sick



dehydration can make you sick

When we don't drink enough water we become dehydrated and this not good for our body. If we drink unclean water we can become sick.



blue water containers



PET safe for storing drinking water



PETE safe for storing drinking water

As we are making our plan for emergency water we want to make sure we store our water in the safest containers. Blue ones that look like this are the best and will say PET or PETE on them.







blue water containers

bleach

water preserver







cool, dry, dark space

When we have the blue containers we need to clean them with bleach, then fill the containers with water and add a water preserver to keep the water free from bacteria. Then write the date on the container too, that way we know when it needs to be cleaned and refilled. Once we've done that we can store the containers in a cool, dry, dark space, like a closet.

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flowing river



hot water heater



1. boil Water



2. add bleach



3. water filtration system

If the water is off and we do not have water stored, we can find water in the water heater in our garage or in a flowing river. If we get water from one of these places we need to clean it before we drink it. We can clean it 3 different ways.

- 1. Boil it.
- 2. Add bleach (8 drops to 1 gallon of water).
- 3. Buy a filtration system.



We can keep our family healthy and safe when we make a plan and have enough emergency water available.

We have more Emergency Preparedness resources, videos, and information on our CODSN Website.

https://www.codsn.org/emergencypreparedness/



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