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WATER STORAGE ROTATION LOG

Gallons needed, container log, refill dates and safe treatment steps

How much to store

- At least **1 gallon per person per day**, for drinking and basic sanitation. Plan a minimum of 3 days; 2 weeks is better if you can (Ready.gov / FEMA).
- Hot weather, illness, pregnancy and nursing can mean more. Pets need water too, ask your vet.

People _____ × gallons/day _____ × days _____ = **gallons:** _____

Storage basics

- Use clean, food-grade containers made for drinking water.
- Store in a cool, dark place away from fuel, pesticides and chemicals.
- Store-bought sealed water: keep in the original container and use by the printed date.
- Water you fill yourself: replace about every 6 months (Ready.gov). Label the fill date.

CONTAINER LOG

Container (size, type)	Gallons	Location	Filled on (m/d/y)	Treated? (Y/N)	Replace by	Done

REFILL AND ROTATION DATES

Check date	Gallons on hand	Containers checked, clean and sealed	Replaced or refilled	Initials

TREATING WATER WITH HOUSEHOLD BLEACH (CDC AND EPA GUIDANCE)

Safety first. Use regular, unscented liquid household bleach only. Do not use scented, color-safe or splash-less bleach, or bleach with added cleaners. Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners. Bleach does not make water containing fuel, toxic chemicals or radioactive material safe. Use a different water source in those cases.

Water	Bleach label strength	Per 1 gallon of water	Per 5 gallons
Clear	6%	8 drops	40 drops (about 5/8 teaspoon)
Clear	8.25%	6 drops	30 drops
Cloudy, colored or very cold	6%	16 drops	80 drops (about 1 1/4 teaspoons)
Cloudy, colored or very cold	8.25%	12 drops	60 drops

1. If water is cloudy, let it settle and pour it through a clean cloth or coffee filter first.
2. Add the bleach, stir or shake well, and **wait at least 30 minutes** before drinking.
3. The water should have a slight chlorine smell. If it does not, repeat the dose once and wait 15 more minutes.
4. Use fresh bleach. EPA says bleach stored at room temperature for less than a year is recommended, because it weakens with age.
5. Boiling is the other method: bring to a rolling boil for 1 minute (3 minutes above 6,500 feet), then cool and store in a clean covered container (CDC).

CDC lists 8 drops per gallon of clear water for household bleach; the 6 drop figure for 8.25 percent bleach is from EPA. Always read your bottle's label for strength.

TREATMENT LOG

Date (m/d/y)	Water source	Gallons treated	Method (bleach / boil / filter)	Wait time met	Initials

Sources: Ready.gov (FEMA), "Water"; CDC, "Making Water Safe in an Emergency" and "How to make water safe using household bleach"; EPA, "Emergency Disinfection of Drinking Water". Dates checked 11/16/2026.

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