



USE AND CARE MANUAL

Home Water Storage Container Rotation

How Often: FEMA recommends rotating your home water storage every six months if not using “commercially bottled water.” We, however, recommend at least every 12 months. If treated, your water storage can last longer.

Easiest Way: The easiest way to empty your water container is by hooking a potable water hose directly to the spigot on the bottom of your water container. If your water container is located indoors, the bottom spigot allows you to drain your water directly into a floor drain. When stacking your water containers ALWAYS empty the top container before the bottom container.

What to Do With The Old Stored Water: If you don’t want to waste good water, there are many uses for the old water in your water storage containers; you can water your plants, wash your car, or have a water balloon fight. Any way you do it, it’s better not to waste good water (though in some cases, it can’t be helped). You can also use the water to flush toilets or wash a few loads of laundry... just use your imagination and be creative!

How to Treat and Protect Your Long Term Water Storage

Chlorine Drops: Chlorine drops are the most common way to treat your water, but dissipates over about 12 months. Other copper or silver based treatments claim to last five or more years for longer storage.

Avoid Sunlight: Keeping your water out of the sunlight is one of the single most important ways to protect your water storage. WaterPrepared water storage containers do this for you; each water container is made with a special UV protectant similar to sunscreen. By reducing exposure to UV rays, the risk of bacteria growing in your water is minimized. However, it is still best to keep your water container in a cool, dark place.

Check for Leaks: It is recommended to visually check your water containers on a regular basis to verify there aren’t any leaks.

Leak Troubleshooting

Leaks are rare. Each tank is pressure tested and light tested before being shipped. However, if you do experience a leak, please pay close attention to the source of the leak. Once you are certain you know where the water is leaking from, immediately drain the tank and then follow the steps below.

- **LEAKING FROM FRONT OF SPIGOT:** Ensure spigot is fully closed. If leak continues, fully open the spigot and re-close spigot tightly.
- **LEAKING BETWEEN SPIGOT AND BLACK BULKHEAD FITTING:** Try tightening spigot. If leak continues, drain tank, remove spigot, and re-install spigot carefully following assembly instructions steps 3 and 4.
- **LEAKING BETWEEN BULKHEAD FITTING AND TANK:** If possible hand-tighten fitting.
- **LEAKING FROM TANK RESIN:** Visually inspect tank for signs of damage. Contact Manufacturer at (888) 252-6522.

STACKING INSTRUCTIONS

DO NOT STACK MORE THAN 2 TANKS. Fill bottom tank first and tighten cap. It is not recommended that you connect or plumb tanks together.

CAUTION

DO NOT PRESSURIZE WATERPREPARED TANKS.

FAQ

Can I put this tank in-line with my housewater?

Because your house water is pressurized and the tank is not, you cannot run water back into your house without a pump. It is recommended that your water storage NOT be in line as many emergencies will cause the city water-source to become contaminated, therefore contaminating any inline water storage.

How much water do I need?

The department of Homeland Security recommends 1 gallon per day per individual. 1/2 of this gallon is used for drinking, 1/4 for cooking, and 1/4 for washing – this, however, is BARE MINIMUM survival. 3-5 gallons per day, for at least 30 days is recommended for more comfortable survival.

Do I need to put chemicals in my tank?

FDA approved tablets can be placed in your water to kill bacteria and prolong the shelf life of your water. The need for water treatment increases with the age and waring conditions of your tank. While chemicals are not required for safe water storage, regular testing for bacteria is recommended with any water storage system.

Does the tank come with fittings?

Yes, your tank will come with two lead-free brass hose-bib spigots, teflon tape, a spring loaded cap and instructions. You will not need to purchase additional fittings to use your tank.

How high can I stack my tanks?

WaterPrepared tanks should only be stacked two high.

Is the tank FDA/NSF approved?

The tanks are manufactured with FDA and NSF approved, food-grade materials.

Is the plastic BPA free?

Yes, WaterPrepared tanks are BPA free.

Will my tank freeze over?

Water freezes at 32 degrees. The tanks, however, are rated for -40 degrees Fahrenheit. If you are worried about the water freezing, we recommend leaving at least six inches room for expansion. It is not common for WaterPrepared tanks to freeze all the way through but it will happen if the conditions are cold enough for an extended period of time.