

THIRSTY ???

WATER EVERYWHERE

With over 70% of the Earth's surface as water, we take for granted having water always available. Go to the sink and you can immediately get clean, safe, refreshing water. But what about after an Earthquake? Our normal water supplies may be disrupted; broken pipes, questionable safety, or limited supply.

That is why it is so important to have stored water as part of your disaster kit. We can get by without a lot of things, but we can't get by without water. Recommendations say to have a minimum three-day supply of the things you would need after a disaster; some of these are food, medication, and water.



HOW MUCH?

You will need one gallon per person per day of stored water, and remember we are trying to have a three day supply. This amount will take care of your drinking needs, your needs for cooking, and some basic hygiene. Recommendations say to gather this amount anyway you can, and in the past that has been in bulk 1 gallon or larger containers.

IS THERE AN EASIER WAY?

YES!!! If you buy one case of water per person in your household, this will equal your basic needs for a three-day supply. A 24 count case of .5 liter bottles, the standard case of water, will equal all you need for each member of your family.

Go to any grocery store, convenience market, or discount store, they all sell water. Purchase one case for every member in your home and you are set. If you have four members in your family, you'll be buying four cases; if you have two members in your family you'll be buying two cases. It's that simple.



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THE ADVANTAGES

- ✓ **Convenient**...single serving containers, no need to find cups.
- ✓ **Durable**...sturdy packaging more likely to survive a disaster, and if one is punctured you don't lose your whole supply.
- ✓ **Lightweights**... if you can't manage a whole case, purchase smaller packs.
- ✓ **Safer**... you don't run the risk of cross contamination if using some of your supply for hygiene.
- ✓ **You're the Hero**...you have something available when the kids say, "I'm thirsty".



KEEP IT AVAILABLE.

Store your supply of water in a cool, dry, dark location. Change out your supply once a year.

Once you establish your water supply, start working on other items for your disaster kit. More information can be attained at the following web sites:

www.redcross.org
www.westcovina.org



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