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Water storage worksheet

Figure out how much water the household needs, record what you store and where, and set the refill date. One gallon (3.8 L) per person per day is the floor; two weeks is the honest minimum.

1. HOW MUCH YOU NEED

WHO	NUMBER	× GAL PER DAY	× DAYS	= GALLONS
Adults and children		1	14	
Hot climate, pregnant, nursing or ill (add)		+0.5–1	14	
Pets (small dog or cat ≈ 0.25; large dog ≈ 0.5–1)			14	
Total target (a family of four with no pets: 56 gal / 212 L)				

2. WHAT YOU HAVE STORED

CONTAINER (TYPE, SIZE)	HOW MANY	GALLONS	WHERE IT IS	FILLED / TREATED ON
Total stored			**Shortfall** (target – stored):	

3. RULES FOR THE SHELF

- Food-grade containers only
  never milk jugs, never anything that held chemicals
- Cool, dark, off concrete if you can
  away from fuel, paint and pesticides
- Tap water from a treated municipal supply needs no additive
  well water: treat or test first
- Refill water you bottled yourself every 6 months (CDC); commercial water by its date
- A second source and a way to treat it
  filter, bleach (see the bleach card) or boiling

Next refill date: _____

Calendar reminder set: _____