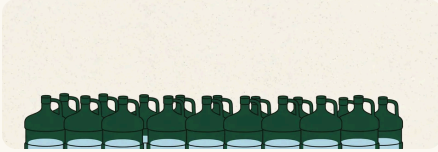




Water storage in a small home.

A gallon per person per day, in an apartment with no garage and no spare closet.

1 The number, honestly



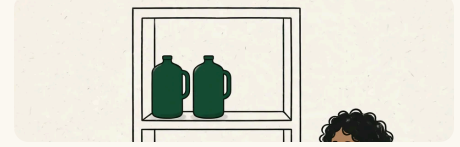
- One gallon per person per day, three days minimum
- Half to drink, half to cook, wash and flush
- A family of four: twelve gallons, about 100 pounds

2 Under the bed



- Flat, stackable containers slide under most bed frames
- Dark plastic keeps algae out
- Out of sight, out of the way, never in the sun

3 Rotate the jugs you already buy



- Keep three store jugs ahead of what you drink
- Newest in the back, oldest to the kitchen
- Nothing to remember, nothing to go stale

4 The closet floor



- A case of bottles fits under hanging clothes
- Cases stack two high on a flat floor
- Keep a few bottles in the car too

5 Fill the tub when the notice comes



- Plug it, fill it, lid or sheet over it
- Flushing and washing, not drinking
- A tub liner bag makes it drinkable

6 Fill everything else too



- Pitchers, pots, bottles, the kettle, while pressure holds
- Label drinking and washing
- High floors lose pressure first when the power goes

7 The water heater



- A tank holds 30 to 50 gallons of drinkable water
- Shut the inlet valve, drain from the bottom spigot
- Not for tankless heaters, and never while it is hot

8 A filter as the backup



- A pump or squeeze filter turns odd water into drinking water
- Cheaper than storing week two
- Still boil or treat if you can

9 Bleach, measured



- 8 drops of plain 6% bleach per gallon of clear water
- Wait 30 minutes; a faint smell is right
- Only for water that was clear to begin with

10 Swap it twice a year



- Tap water you stored: six months, then into the plants
- Sealed store bottles keep for years
- The clock-change weekends are the reminder

11 Pets count



- A gallon a day for a large dog
- Less for cats and small animals
- Their bowl water comes from the washing half

12 Carry it, do not store it, if you must leave



- A case in the car is three days for one person
- Collapsible jugs take no space until filled
- Water is the first thing gone from every store

Under the bed, in the jugs you already drink, and in the tub when the notice comes.

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