WATER CHECKLIST

Drinking water for three days at the very least, two weeks to be properly ready, and how to make doubtful water safe.

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■ 3 litres per person per day **■ Swap every 6 months**

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"Three litres per person per day, and that's just for drinking and cooking. Ours is dated, rotated every six months and stored under the stairs, where it's cool and dark. It even reminds you about the hot water tank, because nobody ever remembers the hot water tank."

— Calm Clarissa, UK Prepper Hub

72-HOUR MINIMUM

The bare minimum: three days at 3 litres per person per day.

- [ ] **9 litres of water per person**
- [ ] **Bottled water** See our pick →
  Large bottles are the easiest to store and rotate.
- [ ] **Or: a 10 litre water can per person** Read our review →
  Fill it from the tap and date it. One can covers the three days with a litre to spare, so you don't need to buy bottled water.
- [ ] **Water purification tablets** Read our review →
  Make doubtful water safe to drink.
- [ ] **Filter bottle** Read our review →
  Fill from any tap or stream and drink straight away.

TWO-WEEK SUPPLY

42 litres per person. This is what gets you through a burst main or a long outage.

- [ ] **42 litres of water per person**
- [ ] **Food-safe water cans**
  Rigid 20-litre can with a tap. Fill, date it and swap every 6 months. Two cans is one person's two weeks.
- [ ] **Collapsible water containers**
  Fold flat until a warning comes, then fill them from the tap.
- [ ] **Bath water bladder**
  A food-safe liner for the bath. Fill it when a water warning comes and the water stays clean to drink.
- [ ] **Filter bag for cloudy water** Read our review →
  Takes out the dirt before you purify. Rain butts, streams, floodwater.
- [ ] **Optional: a gravity water filter**
  Removes bacteria and cryptosporidium, with no power or plumbing. Made in Britain by Doulton.

FIND IT BEFORE YOU NEED IT

- [ ] **Your inside stopcock located, and turning freely**
  Usually under the kitchen sink. Turn it off fast if a pipe bursts.
- [ ] **Outside stopcock key** Read our review →
- [ ] **Hot water tank drain valve located**
  An emergency reserve of roughly 50 to 150 litres. Boil or treat it before drinking.

WHEN THE WATER GOES OFF

- [ ] Fill the bath, sinks and containers as soon as a warning comes
- [ ] Follow any boil water notice from your water company
- [ ] Keep drinking water for drinking; flush the loo with used water
- [ ] Check on elderly or vulnerable neighbours
- [ ] Check your water company's website for bottled water stations

STORAGE AND ROTATION (EVERY 6 MONTHS)

> *Somewhere cool, dark and frost-free: under beds, under the stairs, kitchen cupboards or a frost-free garage.*

- [ ] Every bottle and can labelled with the date
- [ ] Stored water swapped for fresh
- [ ] Purification tablets and filters in date
- [ ] Gravity filter cartridges replaced if due
- [ ] Containers clean and not cracked
- [ ] Stopcock still turns



Prepared, Not Panicked

A checklist tells you what. The book tells you why, how, and in what order, which is where most people come unstuck. 261 full-colour pages for £4.99, as a PDF. I approve, and I don't approve of much.

See the book →

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Our winter car kit list

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