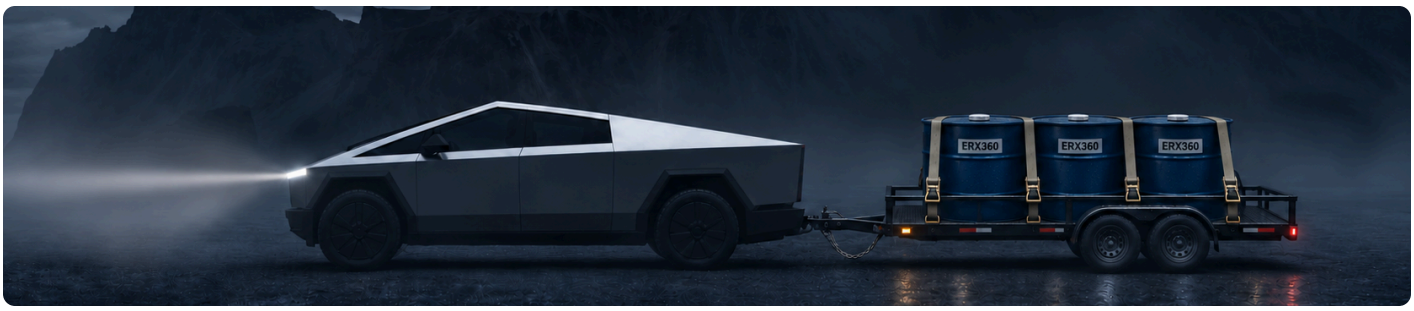
How long will your water last?

Drinking-water planning only. Apply this chart to water stored in a suitable potable-water container.



Doomsday Ready · Illustrated delivery scene

From delivery to daily use

1. Choose
Size your reserve for your household.

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2. Receive
Confirm the drum and seals are suitable for drinking water.

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3. Store & use
Keep sealed in a cool, dark place and dispense as needed.

Utility-water packages and empty utility drums are for non-drinking use.

Household coverage in full days

Household	3 drums · 165 gal	6 drums · 330 gal
1 person	165 days	330 days
2 people	82 days	165 days
3 people	55 days	110 days
4 people	41 days	82 days
5 people	33 days	66 days
6 people	27 days	55 days

Example · Family of four during a water outage
At four gallons a day, three potable-water drums cover 41 full days. Six potable-water drums cover 82 full days.

Estimates use one gallon per person per day for drinking and basic needs. Budget separately for showers and pets. CDC emergency water guidance