

Emergency Water Storage and Bleach

When storing water, it is best to keep it in food-grade water containers. They can be purchased in many sizes from 5 gallons to 55 gallons. It is important to add **unscented** bleach to your stored water as a sterilant in the following amounts:

- 4 drops/quart of water
- 1/4 teaspoon (16 drops)/gallon
- 1-1/4 teaspoon/5 gallons
- 3-3/4 teaspoons /15 gallons
- 2-1/2 tablespoons/30 gallons
- 4-1/2 tablespoons/55 gallons

This water should be changed every 12 months with fresh unscented bleach added to the fresh water. An easy way to remember to change your stored water is to do it on daylight savings day in the Spring.