Action Plan – Water Storage

This worksheet is designed to help readers develop an effective water storage action plan using information provided in Chapter 7 (Water Storage) of *The Provident Prepper: A Common-Sense Guide to Preparing for Emergencies*.

Water is absolutely critical for survival. The very best way to ensure you have safe water to drink is to store it in your own home. Refer to the book for specific information. This worksheet will help you calculate your needs and develop a good action plan.

Take a moment to complete the following table and calculate your water requirements.

Water Requirements			
Number of People	x **Daily Amount** (1-2 Gallons)	x **Number of Days**	= **Gallons of Water Needed**

Now let's take your water requirement calculations from above and determine how you can realistically store the water you need for your family. This is our plan. Your plan may look quite different from ours. We offer it only as an example to stimulate your thinking.

Jones Family Water Storage Plan **6 people x 2 gallons x 30 days = 360 gallons** **Chickens (1 gallon) + cats (.5 gallon) + dog (.5 gallon) = 2 gallons per day** **360 gallons for people + 60 gallons for animals =** **Goal is 420 gallons.**			
Container	**# of Containers on hand**	**Gallons Per Container**	**Total Gallons of Water**
55 gallon barrel	6	55	330
15 gallon barrel	2	15	30
Gallon juice bottles	20	1	20
½ gallon juice bottles	30	.5	15
2 liter soda bottles	20	.5	15
Quart canning jars	100	.25	25
Case water bottles	6	3	18
Total			453
Goal			420
Amount Needed			(0)

We calculate our need for six people at two gallons per day. Our pets and chickens basic drinking water needs were combined to require two gallons per day. We would like our supply to last 30 days, which would reasonably see us through our personal highest risk scores, except an EMP. We would need significantly more water stored for that event, but that might not be realistic for our family. This supply would see us through the immediate crisis, allow us time to adjust to our new circumstances, and find alternative sources of water.

Now it is your turn.

Water Storage Plan **Goal = ____ people x ____ gallons x ____ days = ____ gallons** **Additional amount for pets or livestock _____** **_____ gallons for people + _____ gallons for animals** **Goal is _____ gallons.**			
Container	**# of Containers**	**Gallons Per Container**	**Total Gallons of Water**
Total			
Goal			
Amount Needed			

Remember – ideally water should be rotated regularly. Come up with a realistic plan to rotate your water that makes sense in your circumstances. Even if you never rotate your water, it will probably be a safer source than anything you might be able to find during a disaster.

Rotation Plan

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Congratulations! You have developed your action plan for storing water. Work on the plan and make steady sustained progress.