

# Storing emergency water

Do you have an emergency water supply at home?

An earthquake, drought or flood could disrupt our water supply. This means your household will need an emergency water supply to last at least seven days.

## How much emergency water should you have at home?

For the Wellington region, it is recommended to have 20 litres of water per person, per day, for seven days (that is 140 litres each).

This recommended amount should be enough for drinking, cooking, a sponge bath, washing dishes, brushing teeth, handwashing clothes, first aid and hygiene and your pets.

At a minimum, you should have 3 litres per person, per day, for seven days (that is 21 litres each).

This minimum amount is only enough for drinking, cooking and very basic hygiene.

You may need to store more if you have unwell people or small children in your family. And do not forget your animals!

## Options for storing emergency water

1. Re-use and clean plastic water or soft-drink bottles.
   * Do not use milk containers to store water as the protein from milk cannot be removed and can cause bacteria in water stored.
2. Fill bigger containers available from hardware or camping stores.
3. 200 litre household water tanks are available to purchase from your local council.
4. Larger tanks are available directly from manufacturers and hardware stores.

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