



STEP UP & BE A WATER HERO



*Have you stored enough water
for your family for 7 days?*

STORE WATER TODAY!

There are loads of different water storage options - one for every kind of situation!

- Juice/soft drink bottles (do not use milk bottles).
- Hardware and DIY stores stock large emergency water containers, tanks and water bladders.
- Your local city council sells Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO)/Tank Guy tanks (200L).

What to do:

- Fill your water storage containers with chlorinated tap water.
- Add plain unscented bleach (5 drops of bleach per litre) to the water - not essential but this helps it last longer.
- Write the date that you filled your containers on each container - this will help you remember when to replace the water.
- Store your water in a cool dark place - preferably somewhere easy to access after an earthquake.
- Replace your water every six months.

Before using your stored water, you will need to treat it, by boiling it or adding plain unscented bleach, to make it safe. For more information visit wellingtonwater.co.nz

If you have limited space and can't store large amounts of water, consider asking a nearby family member or friend if they can store water for you.

Other useful items to have at home:

- Plain unscented bleach.
- Large pot to boil water in (BBQ or camp stove if there's no electricity).
- Wheelbarrow or trolley in case you need to collect water from a community water collection point (from day 8+ following a significant earthquake).

HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR ONES AND TWOS!

Depending on your situation there are different options for the safe disposal of your ones and twos.

- Purchase two 15L buckets with lids (one for wees and one for poos).
- Dig a long drop in your backyard.
- Purchase a portable/camp toilet from a camp or hardware store.

What to do:

Use one bucket for liquid waste (i.e. urine) only. Add 2-3cms of water to the bottom of the bucket before use. Empty it daily - first dilute the liquid waste with extra water before pouring it onto a disused area of your garden or other green space (not vegetable garden).

Use the other bucket for solid waste (i.e. faeces and toilet paper). Add a layer of dry material to the bottom of the bucket before use. After each use, add a handful of mulch to the bucket to cover the deposit. Try to keep this bucket as dry as possible as this will help keep the smell down. Empty the bucket at least every three days. Either dig a hole at least 30cm deep to put your waste in or empty it into a separate wheelie-bin for later collection. Follow any official instructions on how to dispose of waste in bins.

Keep both buckets covered when not in use. Use gloves when emptying the buckets. Rinse and disinfect buckets after emptying, and wash hands.

Making a seat will help with using the buckets. You can cut a hole in an old chair or build one from plywood. Camping and hardware stores sell toilet seats.

If you have a garden, you can dig a long-drop. Dig a hole up to one metre deep and 30-40cm wide. Keep the hole covered after each use (for hygiene and safety reasons - you don't want anyone falling in!). Fill the hole in once the level gets to 30cm below the surface. Cover the hole with soil and dig a new long-drop. Be careful to choose a location away from your neighbours, vegetable garden and running water, and keep the hole above the water table.

Other useful items to have at home:

- A spade/shovel.
- Gloves.
- A supply of dry material or mulch - such as straw, sawdust, shredded newspaper, dry leaves, soil.
- Disinfectant - such as plain unscented bleach to clean wastewater buckets.
- Toilet paper.
- Hand sanitiser.
- Water.
- Wheelie-bin.