Thanks for your interest in emergency preparedness.

TVWD will send emails with tips, about once per month, to assist you in building a basic level of emergency preparedness. Each tip will highlight a new emergency kit element, starting with the most critical elements for your survival. The key to emergency preparedness is to start! Even small additions to your kit will make a big difference over time.

Ready to begin? Start with water!

The first item for your kit is water. You can be without water service for many reasons: a water main break, system repair or an earthquake. Start now to make sure your household and workplace are prepared to survive until services you rely on are restored.

The regional recommendation is to store at least 14 gallons of water per person. Add more for any special needs you might have, and remember to store enough for your pets! A few storage examples include:

- **Water Bottles**
  - 12 bottles of 16.9 oz. = just over 1.5 gallons
  - 10 bottles per person

- **Stackable Water Bricks**
  - 1.6 – 3.5 gallons
  - 4 – 9 bricks per person

- **Sanitized Water Can**
  - 6-gallon water can
  - 2 or 3 per person

- **Sanitized Water Barrel**
  - 15-gallon water barrel
  - one per person

Size matters because water is heavy! Mix and match different storage options as you consider the amount of space you have for storage. Click here to learn more about storing water and other emergency preparedness tips.

What have you done for storing emergency water? Please send pictures of your progress to communications@tvwd.org. We will feature customer photos in future newsletters to build momentum in our community.

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