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Storing Water for Future Use by [Jacob](#)

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While everyone on this planet needs water, 100 gallons used on average per person seems like a large figure for a single day. If you want to reduce that figure, start thinking about the quantity you employ for simple tasks. A shower, for example, uses five to twelve gallons per minute. A toilet flush, similarly, is four to seven gallons. Brushing teeth uses about two gallons, and running a load of laundry takes 35 to 70 gallons. Additionally timing yourself for each task and minimising the times you flush per day, recycling water allows you to use less. For example, a shower can be limited to five - ten minutes, and the water that ends up in your bathtub can be used for watering plant life. A toilet tank, in addition, does not need to be filled completely, and you can displace part of this amount with bricks or water jugs filled with sand.

Water, on the other hand, does not always need to come out of the faucet, and as an alternative, you can create water storage containers for everyday use and emergencies. Water storage tanks are ideal for these tasks. In portable and stationary forms, water storage tanks are made out of food-grade high-density polyethylene and are navy blue in colour. While you store water, ensure that an individual has at least 12 gallons and a family 56 gallons. Portable water rain storage tanks may hold 12 to 50 gallons, while stationary models hold up to 2,000 gallons. When you start to store water, keep the tank in a cool, dry area inside your home or outdoors but never leave it in sunlight. In case any water escapes, a non-porous barrier needs to be between the barrel and the ground. Even though the blue colour prevents algae build up, the water inside the tank must be treated with a steriliser before use.

Rain water tanks can be used in winter, but treat it like any other plastic container. Water expands when turned into ice, and this will crack your water tank. Instead, make sure that the container remains no more than 80 percent filled in colder months.

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