3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WATER BARRELS

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*pictured above 55 gallon, 30 gallon, and 15 gallon tanks Water storage containers vary in their size, color, shape, versatility and quality. We have specifically chosen our $\underline{15}$, $\underline{30}$, $\underline{55}$, and $\underline{160}$ gallon water barrels based on several criteria. These criteria include the following:

Size. It is recommended by preparedness experts to have at least 14 gallons of water stored per person. This provides one gallon of water a day for two weeks. Our $\underline{15}$ Gallon Water Barrel provides one person with this minimum amount. Our $\underline{30}$ Gallon Water Barrel provides this minimum amount for two; $\underline{55}$ Gallon Water Barrel the minimum for four people; and our $\underline{160}$ gallon tank stores the minimum amount for about eleven people.

Color. Most people would think that blue would indicate water and it generally does. You may want to mark your barrel indicating "Water" so in case of a fire or similar natural disaster, emergency personnel know that water is being stored in it and not a flammable material. Gasoline and other fuel should only be stored in red containers. The blue barrel's dark color also restricts light and helps prevent algae growth.

Quality. Our water barrels are high quality, offering ultimate reliability and integrity. These barrels are manufactured with prime resin and FDA-approved, high-molecular-weight, high-density polyethylene. They are BPA free and the <u>160</u> gallon Water Reserve is UV coated to prevent light penetration.



*160 gallon tank

As a reminder, it is recommended not to store your filled water barrel directly on cement. It is wise to use an insulating barrier, such as wood, between the barrel and cement to prevent accidental absorption of concrete fumes or trapped stagnant odors. It is recommended to rotate the water annually (using a drinking water safe hose).

Purchasing a quality water barrel is a wise investment. When choosing water storage containers remember that not all barrels are built the same.