

Water Storage with WaterBricks®



Water storage is the most important part of emergency preparedness and the most overlooked. Without water we all die within a matter of days. Get it! So for this article I wanted to go over the benefits and usage of one of my favorite water storage containers – WaterBricks®.

WaterBricks® are small 3.5 gallon containers that are super durable and stack together like Legos. They can be stored in any extra nook and cranny in the house which is one of the reasons I like them. Another reason they are on the top of my list is the mobility. If you have your water stored in a 55 gallon drum in your basement, you have to make a trip up and down the stairs every time you need water. With WaterBricks® my husband and I can run down to the basement, grab a single 3.5 gallon brick and have our entire daily water supply upstairs with us. So how do they stand up to the competition in water storage? Well here you go:

WaterBrick® vs Polycarbonate 5 Gallon Container

WaterBrick®

- Stackable
- In the same space holds 2 more gallons
- Durable
- Easy to carry

Polycarbonate

- Doesn't leach

So as you can see, the only added benefit to Polycarbonate is the fact that it doesn't leach. This means that when you use your water from your WaterBrick® you will still want to filter it just in case any chemicals from the



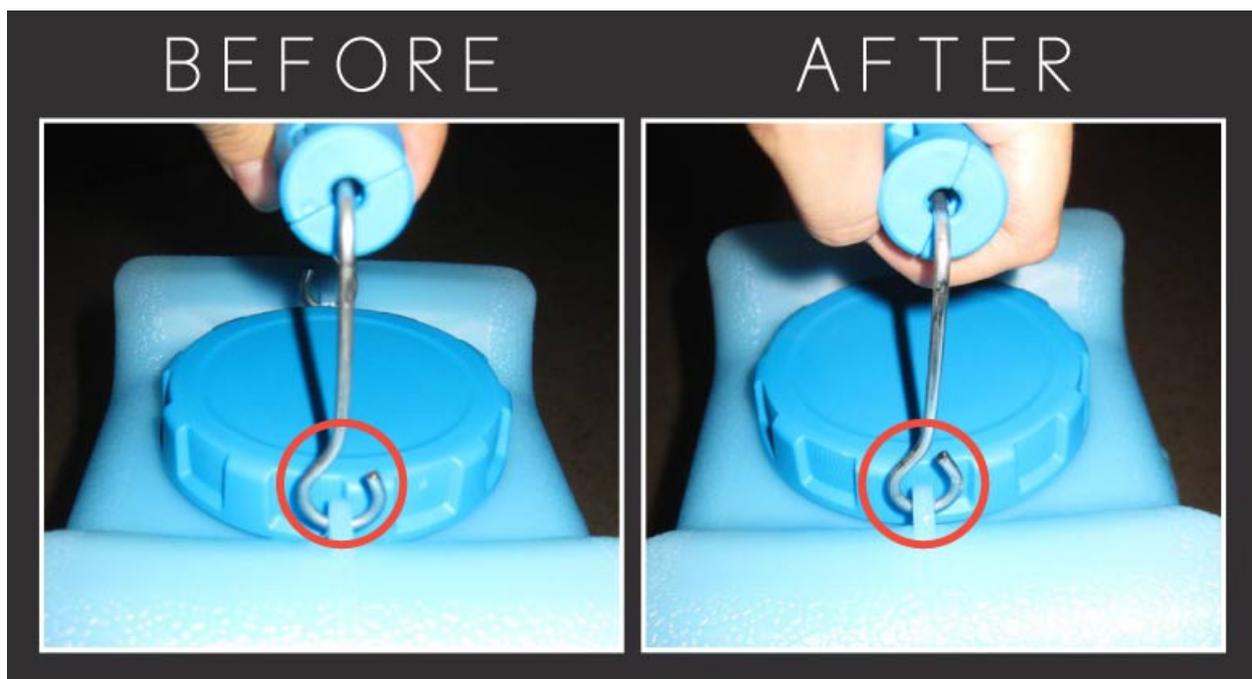
polyethylene mix in with your water (this is standard with any other water storage container outside of polycarbonate – including 55 gallon drums). To me this isn't big enough of an issue to where the cons outweigh the benefits. My biggest perk with this product is it's storage capabilities. I can store another 56 gallons with the WaterBricks® under my bed. 14 under my bathroom sink. 28 in my storage closet. You get the picture. When storage space is limited and if you want easy transportation of your water WaterBricks® are the way to go.

Finally, their durability is unmatched. Hence the name WaterBrick®. The Ready Store actually posted a video where they drop a full water brick off of the top of their building and there's not a dent/leak on it. With this product you don't need to worry about the container combusting under pressure or cracking during transportation. The heavy duty polyethylene will pretty much stand up to anything.

So if you choose to use WaterBricks® for your storage there are a few procedures you need to follow:

Adjust your Handles

When your WaterBricks® arrive the handles are inside of the bricks. You attach them yourself by looping them through the holes. After you get them on your brick, get some sturdy pliers and pinch the hooks so they are closed tighter. Otherwise your handles will slip off of the brick quite easily.



Check the Caps

After you have filled up your bricks with water make sure that the gaskets (the rubber things on the inside of the lid) are facing the right direction. You've got them on correctly when the ribbed edge is facing outwards. If the smooth face is facing outward your brick has the possibility of leaking.

CORRECT

INCORRECT



RIB FACING OUTWARD



SMOOTH PART FACING OUTWARD

Add Water Preserver

Unless you want to empty out every single one of your bricks every single year, add a water preserver. Water preserver will extend the shelf life of your water to 5 years. Hurray!

Stack em' up!

WaterBrick® advises that you limit your stacking height to 4 feet.



So in conclusion, if you want a great water storage solution look into WaterBricks®. However, if you are concerned about leaching polycarbonate is still your best bet. Hopefully that helps you in your quest for the perfect water storage solution. I've found the WaterBrick is available at the following locations:

WaterBrick® Online
Shelf Reliance
The Ready Store

Keep up the good work and happy prepping!

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I'm an LDS prepper from Lehi, UT. I believe that emergency preparation is vital for everyone and that you don't need to be a survival specialist to get the best emergency preparation for you and your family. I want to take the complexity out of prepping to help those around me get involved.