

## Emergency Preparedness Plan - Water Supply

In the event of a water shortage or water emergency situation, Gordon Food Service will prioritize delivering additional water as requested until the emergency situation or crisis ceases. Based on the specific situation, Gordon Food Service may not be able to provide you with the recommended amount of water as listed. Please ensure you have a Memorandum of Understanding with an alternate partner set up.

As stated in our main letter, if a state of emergency is declared at the local, state, or national level, we will abide by the directions of law enforcement officials. The event and variables will dictate our ability to provide supplies to our customers. As recommended by federal guidelines, customers providing emergency response and healthcare will be given a higher priority. We will engage the appropriate local health department to seek guidance if unsure on the acceptability and disposition of any compromised product.

Gordon Food Service will strive to provide our customers with the excellent service that they have come to expect should one of these events arise.

**Amount of water to have on hand:** The [CDC Emergency Water Supply Planning Guide for Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities](#) details recommended steps for determining the amount of water needed.

General planning guidelines specify having a supply of 1 gallon per person per day for cooking purposes, plus 2 quarts per person per day for drinking (totals 192 oz/day). The recommended number of days water supply to have on hand is dependent on unique factors and regulations but typically ranges from 3-7 days.

**192 floz x \_\_\_\_\_ # of people x \_\_\_\_\_ # of days = \_\_\_\_\_ floz estimated water need**

(Note: 1 pint = 16 fl oz, 1 quart = 32 fl oz . 1 gallon = 128 fl oz)

**Water Shelf Life:** As quoted from the [CDC Emergency Water Supply Planning Guide for Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities](#)

- “The American Red Cross and FEMA recommend changing bottled water every 6 Months.”
- “Tap water or water from other sources that is placed in containers and disinfected onsite (i.e. not commercially bottled) does not have an indefinite shelf life. Such water should be checked periodically for residual chlorine and retreated if necessary”