

14 July 2007 - Wollochet Co-op News Letter

Dear Be Prepared group!

Remember that old poem, the Rime of the Ancient Mariner? The precise quote is: "Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink" but the meaning is the same. It's from The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge - when the Ancient Mariner is stuck in the middle of the sea. Because the ancient mariner is on the open ocean, the water is all salt and unfor for consumption - thus his lament.

We're in an area where rains are often plentiful. **But .in** an emergency ...will we have a water collection device? Will we have a way of testing the water? Will be have sufficient stored water? Hmmm. Or will the lament of the Ancient Mariner be ours as well?

The "books" say we should store a minimum of 14 gallons of water PER PERSON, which would supply the BASIC needs for 14 days. That's 1/2 gallon to drink, (the equivalent of 8- 8oz glasses per day, the recommended amount) plus 1/2 gallon for cooking, washing, etc. That's a MINIMUM! Not very much...I'd surely have to ration my water to live within that minimum.

You can count as part of that 14 gallons bottled juice, even liquid from canned goods such as corn. There is usually about 1 cup of liquid in canned veggies that could be used in cooking ...for example, cook your dry macaroni in juice from corn, peas, etc. But drinking water may be still desirable!

Soooooo, how is your water supply? Do you have sufficient to drink? Do you have access to water to flush toilets, wash clothes, bathe, etc? Do you have sufficient water to be able to cook all that freeze dried and dehydrated food you've been obediently buying?

Cordell Vail of the Key Center ward has graciously found us a really good deal on 5 gallon food grade barrels. I like these because they stack, are easy to fill...and empty...and most importantly, I can lift them! No pump required! They previously contained olives, so must be well washed, but they are a really good deal. I encourage you to look at his email to me...(which you must ask me for! I'm not sending it out willy-nilly unless it is requested!)

Orders **MUST** be in soon as Cordell Vail wants all checks to clear the bank **BEFORE** he orders! Let me know if you want his email (with pictures of the barrels) or plan to give me checks/orders on Sunday! I'll be in Sunday School and available right before RS, but I have house guests so may not stay for all of RS

Also, those of you who ordered in July and have **NOT** picked up your order, I will have **ALL** orders in my van on Sunday!

JULY - AUGUST ORDERS: By now, most should have your catalogs from Emergency Essentials. Those who haven't signed up to receive a catalog by mail can go to the website: www.beprepared.com. Occasionally, if I find a really better buy from somewhere else, I'll let you

know via email. Please make sure you are on my list!

Here's how this works: Anyone can order anything they wish from the catalog....we'll take all orders. IF sufficient people order the current group special, (usually six cans) we can get free shipping. If not, the shipping charge for the entire order is \$12. That's why it pays to combine orders! In the event that we don't qualify for the free shipping, I will add \$1 to each order to cover the cost....unless we have 24 people ordering. Then it would be only fifty cents each. In other words, I prorate the charge depending upon the number of people ordering!

Please give your order and the money for your order to your own co-op leader. Then orders will be placed from your co-op as a group order. Please, once you have placed your order, please please please don't change it. It causes me nightmares! Next step is payment: I will confirm the order via email and give the amount due with your co-op leader. Sometimes, this will include \$1 for shipping if sufficient orders have not been received on the group specials to warrant free shipping. It most likely will NEVER be more than \$1, however. Those from the other co-ops please give the money to your co-op leaders with your order. Those from Wollochet co-op will give their checks to me, Loa Andersen. Order will be placed about the first part of the last week of the month. All checks must be in my hand PRIOR to ordering, please!

The order is usually shipped immediately after I call in the order, and takes about 3-4 days to arrive. I check the order for accuracy, bag it by individual, and will deliver the products to your co-op leaders and they will make arrangements for the distribution point where you can come pick it up from them . (Please do not go to Loa's house to get your order unless you are from the Wollochet co-op). The Wollochet folks will be called/emailed with regard to picking up/deliver of their order.

Yes, it's a lot of work for those of us who are trying to keep this organized, but it is important work. We all appreciate each of you who are trying to be obedientand prepared! :)

Thanks!

Loa

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