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Guidance for

Setting up a temporary potable water hydrant

1.

From the wall spigot, attach a food-grade hose to run away from the wall to a suitable public access point for filling.



TIP: Use food-grade hose

TIP: Prop hose on saw horse or some other stable structure to keep the spigot at least 3 feet off the ground

TIP: Provide a squirt bottle of bleach water solution (1/2 tablespoon bleach to 1 quart water) – so residents can sanitize the spigot before using

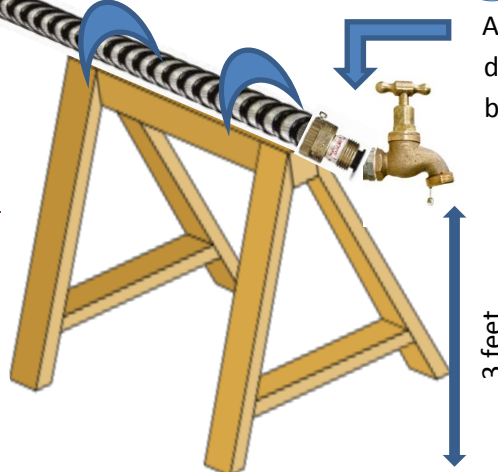


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Clamp hose to saw horse or other structure to ensure that it does not touch the ground.

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Attach a back-flow device to the hose before attaching a faucet.



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Recommendations from FEMA regarding containers: It is recommended to purchase food-grade water storage containers from surplus or camping supplies stores to use for water storage.

If you decide to re-use storage containers, **choose two-liter plastic soft drink bottles – not plastic jugs or cardboard containers that have had milk or fruit juice in them.** The reason is that milk protein and fruit sugars cannot be adequately removed from these containers and provide an environment for bacterial growth when water is stored in them. Also, do not use glass containers, because they are heavy and may break.

Thoroughly clean the bottles with dishwashing soap and water, and rinse completely so there is no residual soap. Additionally, for plastic soft drink bottles sanitize the bottles by adding a solution of 1 teaspoon of non-scented liquid household chlorine bleach to a quart (1/4 gallon) of water. Swish the sanitizing solution in the bottle so that it touches all surfaces. After sanitizing the bottle, thoroughly rinse out the sanitizing solution with clean water. (FEMA 477 A5055 August 2004)