

# The 48 HR Water Challenge

## THE 48 HOUR TEST REQUIREMENTS ARE:

- 1 – Before the test, draw 5 gallons of water per person per day. This will be used for essential uses; drinking, cooking, bathing, washing clothes, and sanitary facilities.
- 2 – Turn off the running water in your house.
- 3 – Have available the required number of 5 gallon buckets to hold for water test. The disinfection of buckets is optional.
- 4 – Five gallons of water is my estimate of the maximum amount of water (35 lbs.) I would be willing to carry on my head from any distant water source to my village. That distance in miles will vary.
- 5 – If you are lucky, have some nearby source of water, such as a spring or stream, for nonessential water use.
- 6 – Be prepared to haul water from the nearby source to wash the car, water the lawn, trees and garden. These items are considered non-essential and extra work will be required.
- 7 – One Job-Johnnie...delivered.
- 8 – A \$100 dollar check to use for a nice dinner as a reward for completing the test.
- 9 – Know the location of the main house water valve or switch to turn off the water pump.

After turning off the main house water valve, I walked through to check if the water was really off. It was. I then decided to sit down and reflect on the deed I just performed and what clean, flowing water supplies meant for me.

- 1 – Kitchen sink to wash dishes and water for cooking.
- 2 – Bathroom sink – personal hygiene.
- 3 – Water closet – sanitary facilities.
- 4 – Washing machine – clean clothes.
- 5 – Water heater – hot water.
- 6 – Furnace – heat for house.
- 7 – Ice machine – ice water and other cold drinks.
- 8 – Outside spigot – water for lawn, trees and garden. Wash auto & family dog.