

'Net Question 1. What is the most important earthquake survival resource?

Check-ins are read the question and directed to prepare their answer

1.) What is the most crucial survival resource?

- A.) Batteries and canned beans
- B.) People, not kits
- C.) Flashlights and radios
- D.) Cash and gold
- E.) **Something else ****

**** Water**

Answer: The most important survival resource (according to global research in earthquake outcomes) is: **People. Not Kits.**

It's about connection to community and resources.

- **Beyond the Kit:** While physical supplies like water and food are necessary, Dr. Jones emphasizes that emergency kits run out and cannot help you rebuild your life or check on your safety. [1, 2]
- **Neighbor Networks:** Talking to and organizing with your neighbors before a disaster means you have someone to share water, power, skills, and support with when first responders are overwhelmed. [1, 2, 3]
- **Community Recovery:** Long-term survival depends on whether a community stays together and supports one another to recover and return to prosperity. [1, 2]
- **** Water as a Physical Priority:** When looking strictly at physical survival resources in the immediate aftermath of a major quake, Dr. Jones highlights **water** as the most critical need because underground water systems and aqueducts are easily damaged and can take months to restore

In a temperate climate, a person typically needs about 1 gallon (~4 liters) of water per day for basic survival, according to guidelines from emergency management agencies like FEMA and the Red Cross.

Breakdown of the 1-Gallon Standard

- **Drinking: Half a gallon** is allocated for direct hydration to replace fluids lost through breathing, sweating, and digestion.
- **Sanitation and Food Prep:** The remaining **half a gallon** is used for basic hygiene, washing hands, and preparing food.