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# STORE WATER NOW!

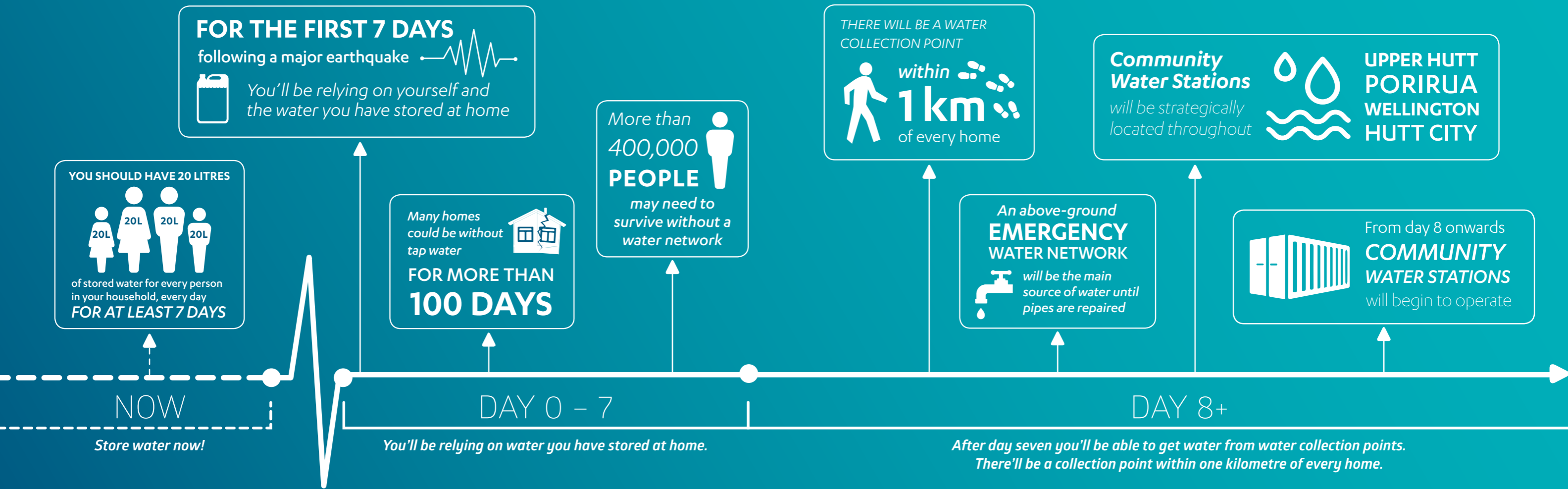
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Wellington Water is working with communities to make sure we can recover quickly from an earthquake. Here's how it works:



## How to survive without tap water

Wellington's water supply network is vulnerable. After a significant earthquake many homes in our region could be without water for more than **100 days**.

We all have a role to play in getting our emergency water sorted.

Wellington Water is working with local councils and government to help make sure communities are prepared and ready to recover from a significant earthquake.

The first seven days after a major event are critical. You need to ensure you're prepared for the challenges to come.

**You'll be relying on yourself, and the food and water you have stored at home.**

You should have 20 litres of stored water for every person in your household, every day – for at least seven days. That's 560 litres for an average four-person home.\*

More than 400,000 people may need to survive without a fully functioning water network.

Are you prepared for what to do when the shaking stops, no water comes out of the tap and the toilet doesn't flush? You need to have an emergency water supply and ensure you're prepared.

*\*Guidance from international aid agencies recommends a minimum of 20 litres every day for every person, to provide for drinking, cooking and hygiene.*



Water storage tanks or bottles, and buckets for toilet waste, should be in every home.

## Where will I get my water from after day 7?

Reliable water supply is vital to help people get back to normal as quickly as possible. By mid-2018 community water stations will be located in parks, schools, and streets across our four cities.

After day seven you'll be able to get your water from **water collection points**. There'll be a collection point within one kilometre of every home.

The water collection points will be regularly supplied from **community water stations**.

At some water stations we're drilling new wells to extract groundwater. Other sites use water from rivers or streams. In some suburbs this isn't possible, and we will use desalination systems to keep the water flowing.

Each water station will store large emergency water bladders. These will be distributed to more than **300 water collection points**.

There are also **smaller bladders that fit on utes and trailers** to transport water from reservoirs and water stations to collection points.

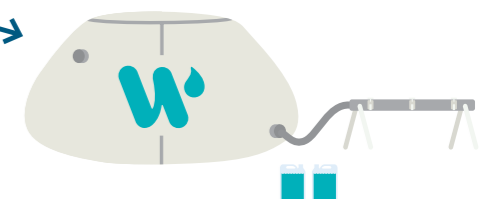
### 1. Community Water Station



### 2. Truck with water bladder



### 3. Water collection point



# How emergency water supply works after a large earthquake

## DAY 0-7

### HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY



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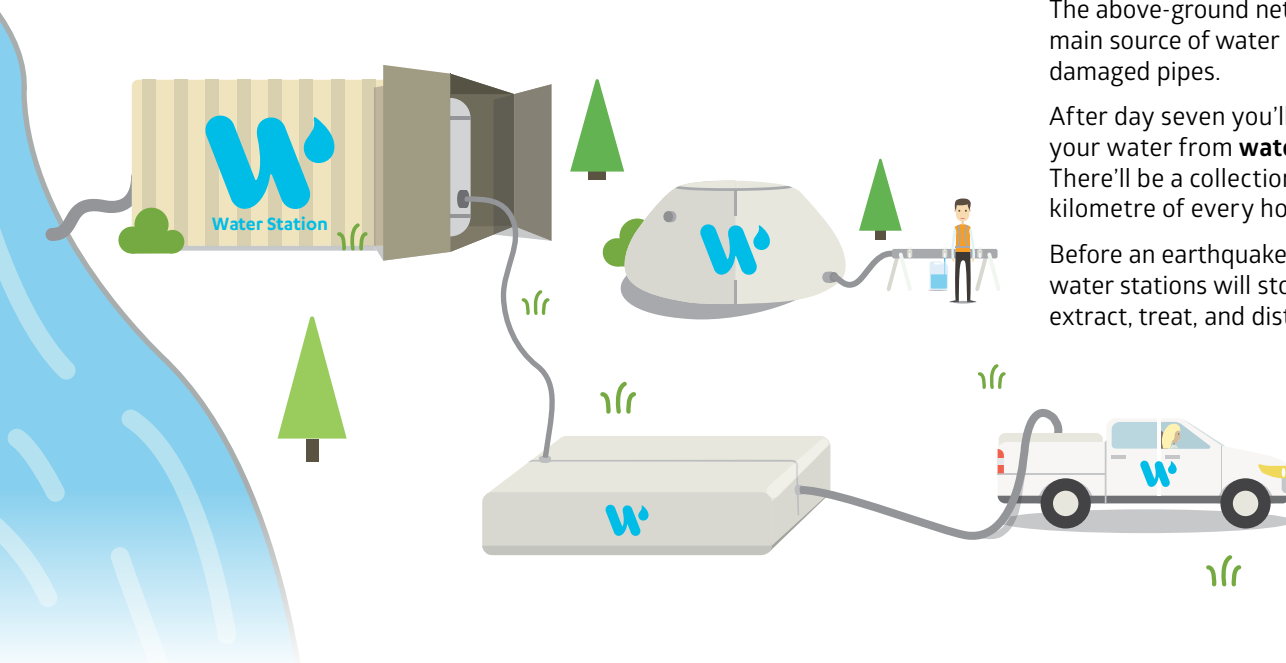
We recommend 20 litres of water for every person in your household, every day – for at least seven days. If households are prepared, Wellington will be able to cope better in an emergency. Encourage the people around you to get prepared.

#### **Family sorted?**

Check that others around you are also prepared. Do your neighbours have enough water stored? What about your friends and extended family?

## DAY 8+

### COMMUNITY SUPPLY



The above-ground network will be the main source of water until we can repair damaged pipes.

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Before an earthquake, the community water stations will store equipment to extract, treat, and distribute water.

## Find out more about emergency water

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