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-- Stewart Verney

Survivalist mode

Clearwater-based Way Safe Florida Inc. has devised a product that it hopes will eliminate the need for stacks of bottled water in case of a natural or man-made disaster.

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The WaterBOB is a water containment product made of FDA-approved, food-grade plastic that fits into a bathtub and can hold up to 100 gallons of fresh water for two weeks. WaterBOB -- which stands for bathtub oblong bladder -- includes a siphon pump at the top to transfer to jugs or pitchers when needed.

By slipping the enclosed "sock" over the bathtub faucet, the WaterBOB fills within about 10 minutes and helps protect water from dirt, soap film and debris from a disaster.

It weighs about 1.5 pounds without water and costs \$24.95 if ordered from the Web site.

Not preparing for a disaster?

WaterBOB can be used in recreational vehicles, mobile homes and cabins or for camping or boat use. Just siphon from the bladder.

-- Kirstin Dorsch

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