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The Practice:

1. Gather the water bottles you have stored.
2. Turn off the water under the toilet.
3. Flush the toilet one time to empty the bowl and the tank.
4. Use your stored water to refill the tank.
5. Involve all persons in the house in this practice.



The Review:

1. Gather everyone together.
2. Discuss general feelings about the value of stored water, and what it can be used for in a disaster (this would include for drinking, pets, food preparation, brushing teeth, washing hair and bodies, and flushing the toilet).
3. Discuss whether the effort to store water should continue in your home, and whether a plan should be made to add more water to your supply.
4. Make a plan to refill your bottles.
5. Remember to store them in a cool, dry place.

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