

I would not count on mylar for long term storage of anything. I simply do not believe all the claims.

However, as long as all one's water is not in mylar, having some in convenient package sizes that can be put in places over types of containers would not work is a good idea.

To me it all comes down to options. I have 125ml water pouches up to 7-gallon water totes at the moment. I have had 15-, 30-, and 55-gallon drums. Never had larger mobile containers, but have had tanks on trailers of 350-gallons to one that was, I think, about 625-gallons. And I have lived where we had cisterns from about 1,000-gallons to over 10,000-gallons.

I want options. Lots of options. I want massive storage capacity, but I also want portable, easily stored water, too. So I have as many options as I can afford at any given time and be able to store.

Now, though I have had 55-gallon drums I am not a big proponent of them for many situations. Given the room, and a possible necessity of moving the water, perhaps. But I have to tell you, unless the filled 55-gallon drum is already on a wheeled dolly, or you have powered equipment with which to move it, that drum is staying where it is until around half of that water is taken out. Full 55-gallon drums of water are extremely difficult and quite dangerous to move by hand. Especially by one person. Though, I have to admit, I would rather move one by myself than have someone help me, since not very many people actually know how to handle things like that safely and efficiently.

My preference is 15-gallon for in-the-house storage. If I need larger, then 30-gallon tops. 55-gallon drums are heavy and not all interior house floor can handle them.

Then, as has been said, containers that can be lifted by the least capable person that will need to handle them and put on and off a table or counter that can be used to dispense water easily.

Having pumps and siphons to move water from container to container is important, too. And not just one type. 12vDC pumps designed for use in and around vehicles are fine, in and around vehicles. Not so much in the house or a shelter. D-size battery pumps are available. So are several types of manual pumps. And siphons, from cheap junk that will not even work the first time, to those that work fine, but cost a few

bucks more. (And siphons do not move water uphill. Not everyone seems to know that.)

So have some options. Lots of them. And before much water is put up in mylar bags, put some in two or three pint and quart zip-lock bags. And then try to drink from them, transfer the water from them to another container that is not a full open top, and then to just dump them into a pan. I have a feeling that until you practice quite a bit you will have a bit of difficulty even emptying them into a pan. Flexible containers that do not have an actual spout of some kind are hard to handle.

Just my opinion.