# A Quick View of Hygiene and Sanitation Storage

# **Personal Hygiene Storage**

#### 72-hour Kit

- 1. Pack hygiene supplies in a zipped storage bag for easy re-packing and to protect from leakage.
- 2. Remember essentials.
  - a. Extra eyeglasses and contact lens supplies
  - b. Toilet paper: remove the cardboard tube for easy pulling from the center, and store in a zipped storage bag to protect from the elements
  - c. Feminine sanitary supplies, baby diapers, wet wipes
  - d. Toothbrush and paste
  - e. Soap, shampoo

### **Short-term "Toilet"**

- 1. Fill a bucket with hygiene supplies: toilet paper, feminine sanitary supplies, gloves, and trash bags.
- 2. Store the bucket and a shovel with your food storage for use as an emergency "toilet."
- 3. Consider the bucket as the "last resort" supply when the family unexpectedly runs out of supplies!
- 4. Invest in a toilet seat lid that fits a 5- or 6-gallon bucket (~\$13) or a commercially manufactured emergency toilet.
- 5. Store baby diapers and wipes, if needed.

#### **Long-term Inventory**

- 1. Inventory hygiene supplies along with food storage.
- 2. Consider storing supplies in one main location for better awareness of quantities.
- 3. Store lots of soap—it becomes very valuable during difficult times.
- 4. Store some cloth baby diapers, diaper pins, and plastic pants.
- 5. Invest in a large washtub or a solar shower for bathing with less water.

# **Sanitation Storage**

#### **Short-term Supplies**

- 1. Store disposable products for easy cleanup.
  - a. Store wet wipes—they're useful for all kinds of cleaning with little water.

Seal the container in a zipped bag to minimize evaporation.

- b. Store hand sanitizer.
- c. Store disposable paper products, utensils, and aluminum foil for easy kitchen cleanup.

#### **Long-term Inventory**

- 1. Inventory cleaning supplies along with food storage.
- 2. Consider storing supplies in one main location for better awareness of quantities.
- 3. Emergency equipment
  - a. Store rubber gloves! Harsh weather and work can make hands crack and bleed.
  - b. Store plenty of plastic trash bags, disinfectant, and some bleach.
    - (Remember that liquid bleach is only good for about one year.)

#### Laundry

- 1. Store some liquid laundry detergent; it dissolves more easily than powdered detergent.
- 2. Emergency equipment
  - a. Store gloves!
  - b. Invest in a hand washer or scrub board.
  - c. Invest in a drying rack or clothesline and pins.