CLEANING & USE INSTRUCTIONS FOR A POLYETHYLENE WATER STORAGE CONTAINER:

When cleaning a poly container is required, thoroughly wash the inside of the container with food safe soap & WATER. Pay particular attention to the threads in the openings of the vessel. Organics, dirt, grass, leaves left in the threads will contaminate the stored water. Rinse out the inside of the barrel with food safe water.

Add a quarter to half pound of baking soda, shaken around inside the now clean damp poly container. Leave the baking soda over night to attach to any soap particles. Rinse out the next day with clean water.

Use a stiff brush and food grade soap to scrub the threads of the two to eight inch poly lids until the lids are clean (no organics, in the container or on the lids, should be allowed in potable water storage).

Keep the poly container and lids clean until the container is ready to be filled. Use an RV drinking water hose or other food grade water filling source to place potable water into your polyethylene container.

Water, properly stored, lasts for many years. Water is quite stable. Stored clean, in a cool, dark place, it does not change with time.

Usually a cool, dark place is the best location for stored water.

A proper water filter can be used BOTH before storing and when dispensing stored water to improve water quality and flavor.

Check stored water periodically for odor and discoloration. The water should appear clear and smell fresh even over time. Using a clean poly container with completely clean water gives best result clean long term storage water. Run through a water filter before use if you want to be sure.

In practical life sustaining use, an ideal minimum amount of stored water per person, is one gallon per person per day.