

High 'n Dry

YOUR WATER STORAGE TANK IS A KEY INGREDIENT IN YOUR RECIPE FOR CLEAN WATER. SO BEFORE YOU STORE IT AWAY, MAKE SURE IT'S DRY AND CLEAN OR IT WILL MILDEW. HERE'S HOW TO GET THE WATER OUT...



Drain the tank through the filler (1) or discharge fitting (2) or both.

Leave the dust caps (3) on the fittings until you're ready to drain the water.

Water starts to drain as soon as you take off the caps.

After the water drains, take off the 10 handles (4) around the edge of the cover from the 10 handle toggles (5). Then take off the cover (6).

If the atmospheric pressure changes during a move, the tank collar (7) and cover float (8) could get damaged. To avoid damage, leave the inflation valves (9) open for movement and storage.

To deflate the cover float, turn the center part of the inflation valve clockwise to open it. Leave it open.

Then deflate the tank collar by turning the center part of the three inflation valves clockwise. Leave them open, too.

To clean the outside of the tank and cover, use a solution of water and mild detergent, NSN 7930-00-880-4454. Rinse the detergent solution off completely with clean water.

Before moving the tank with the lift handles, make sure all the water is drained, or the water's weight could damage the handles or the tank fabric.

If you do damage the tank, repair it with repair outfit, collapsible tanks and drums (ROCTAD), NSN 5430-01-359-1078.

If the inside of the tank is dirty, clean it with the same detergent and water solution. Rinse it **completely**, or you'll taste soap when you drink the water. Hang the tank inside out by the inside lift handles (10) and let the cover and

tank dry completely before folding it.

After the tank is dry, fold and store it like it says in TM 5-5430-225-12&P.

Finally, when you're ready to set the tank back up, make sure you lay down the ground tarp (11) first. That'll keep objects on the ground from puncturing the tank.

If possible, sweep off the ground before you lay the tarp on it. A full bladder presses down on the ground with a lot of pressure—enough to push a sharp stick or a rock through the tarp and into the bladder.

