



5-Gallon Backpack Drinking Water Bag

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A 5-gallon (18.9 liter) backpack for carrying drinking water for wildland firefighters has been designed by the Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC). The backpack frees the firefighter's hands and distributes the weight better than the currently used cubitainer. The bags are comfortable to wear and extremely durable. The new water bag consists of a nylon duck outer bag and an easily replaced inner liner that insure safe, clean drinking water. Foam sheeting insulates the liner to keep drinking water cool. The replacement liners are inexpensive.

Drinking water bags are all bright blue and prominently labeled to avoid confusion with yellow suppression water bags.

The water bags may be carried by the shoulder straps provided or they may be attached to the harness of a standard firefighter field pack. Bags are 17 x 8 x 3 inches (43.2 x 20.3 x 7.6 centimeters) and weigh 2.6 pounds (1.2 kilograms). They weigh 43 pounds (19.5 kilograms) when filled. The bags require less storage space than the cubitainer system.

The 5-gallon backpack drinking water bag may be ordered from the GSA fire catalog and the NFES cache system.



Five-gallon drinking water bag for backcountry firefighting.

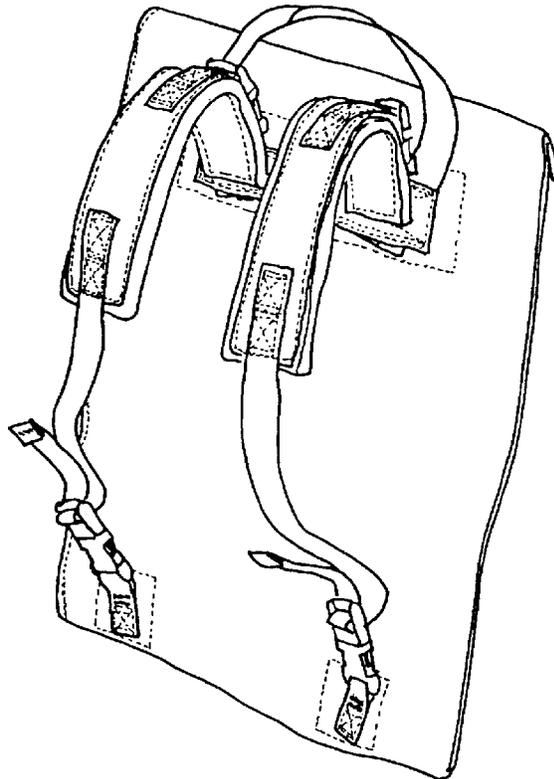


National stock numbers and costs for the components are:

Description	NSN	Price
5 Gal Backpack Drinking Water Bag (NFES #0912)	8465-01-310-1259	\$26.82
5 Gallon Drinking Water Liner (NFES #0911)	8465-01-310-5130	\$1.77

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