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00:00:05,126 --> 00:00:07,066  
>> Hi. I'm Scott Kelly, commander

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00:00:07,066 --> 00:00:10,186  
of the expedition 26 crew aboard  
the International Space Station.

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00:00:11,406 --> 00:00:15,176  
What I wanted to try to do today is give you  
a sense for what our situation is on board,

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00:00:15,456 --> 00:00:22,746  
with regards to food and  
beverages, how we prepare that,

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00:00:22,856 --> 00:00:26,956  
what options we have and  
how we eat here in space.

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00:00:27,556 --> 00:00:32,236  
So, first thing I'd like to do is get  
started with our, where our food is kept.

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00:00:32,826 --> 00:00:36,666  
The food that we're actually using is  
kept in Node 1 of the space station

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00:00:37,386 --> 00:00:41,316  
and it's basically in these food containers.

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00:00:42,016 --> 00:00:47,786  
Metal food containers or in some bags  
that we have here staged for our use.

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00:00:48,516 --> 00:00:56,696  
But these food containers are categorized  
in different categories, I guess you'd say

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and we have some that are side dishes,  
meats in pouches and cans, vegetables,

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and they're actually packaged in different ways.

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00:01:11,506 --> 00:01:20,146  
For instance, most of the meat we have  
and other kind of main dishes are packaged

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in these green containers and we  
heat these up in a small food warmer

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00:01:27,646 --> 00:01:28,976  
and I'll show you what that looks like.

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00:01:29,646 --> 00:01:35,906  
But basically, they're little green  
packages of meat and in this case,

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00:01:35,906 --> 00:01:41,446  
this is beef tips with mushrooms  
and we have crawfish etouffee.

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00:01:42,416 --> 00:01:50,116  
And these are what's called "irradiated food,"  
so they're hit with large doses of radiation

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00:01:50,296 --> 00:01:54,726  
to kill any bacteria so they can stay  
at room temperature and not spoil.

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00:01:55,186 --> 00:02:01,886  
There's also some stuff in here that's kind of  
off the shelf, like this tuna fish that we have.

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00:02:03,026 --> 00:02:07,106  
We also have some rehydratable food items.

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00:02:09,736 --> 00:02:17,826  
Water is heavy and I'll talk a little bit  
about our water later, but they take the water

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00:02:17,826 --> 00:02:28,686  
out of the food because it's more efficient  
to add it once we get on board and I'll talk

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00:02:28,686 --> 00:02:32,266  
about how we make our water  
here in a little bit.

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00:02:32,866 --> 00:02:37,916  
But we have these rehydratable food packages.

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00:02:38,216 --> 00:02:39,156  
For instance, here's one.

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I'll make this for lunch.

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00:02:41,866 --> 00:02:53,196  
It's asparagus and it's in a little plastic  
container with some dehydrated asparagus.

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00:02:53,196 --> 00:03:01,666  
In this case, I'll add 50 milliliters of water  
to it and it takes 5 to 10 minutes to rehydrate.

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00:03:02,976 --> 00:03:06,616  
So with that, I'd like to show  
you how we prepare this food.

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00:03:06,876 --> 00:03:13,806  
How we add water, warm it up and a little  
bit about the beverages on board as well.

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00:03:15,336 --> 00:03:20,026  
So come join me in the lab

where that's accomplished.

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Now we're in the US laboratory module.

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And the first thing I want to show you is how we heat up these green packages of food.

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And these are a lot like the, what's called "MREs" in the military, "meals ready to eat."

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And you know, matter of fact, I think they come from the same company that the US military uses.

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00:03:46,746 --> 00:03:54,736

Whereas these other packages are produced at the food lab at the Johnson Space Center.

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So this is basically, this is our food warmer.

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And it's basically a suitcase with some heating elements in it.

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00:04:05,506 --> 00:04:10,866

And we can put a number of different food packages in here.

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Basically we just close it up and turn it on and in about 20 minutes,

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00:04:20,646 --> 00:04:22,756

that package of food will be warm.

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00:04:24,606 --> 00:04:27,446

So next, I want to talk about how we add water,

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both to our drink packages  
and to the food packages.

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00:04:31,986 --> 00:04:35,586

And that's also done in the  
laboratory module, on the ceiling.

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And there is a potable water dispenser there

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that dispenses both room  
temperature and hot water.

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00:04:44,796 --> 00:04:47,236

So let's go over there and check that out.

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00:04:52,916 --> 00:05:00,036

So here we are by the potable water  
dispenser, which is on the ceiling here

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in the laborator module of the space station.

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And we get our water from different places.

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The resupply vehicles will bring up water,  
the shuttle makes water as a function

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of how it produces electricity, but we also  
get water from the Russian progress vehicles

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and soon from the Japanese and the European resupply vehicles bring up water as well.

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The other way we get water is we make it ourselves, on board, from the condensate

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that is produced in the air due to humidity and also from our urine.

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00:05:41,616 --> 00:05:48,856

And believe it or not, the water that is produced from our urine actually tastes better

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than any tap water I've ever tasted in the United States.

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00:05:52,336 --> 00:05:56,416

It tastes better than the water on the space shuttle.

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00:05:57,166 --> 00:06:02,936

It's really clear, good quality water.

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So basically we have a way to fill these little packages and introduce certain,

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00:06:12,036 --> 00:06:17,676

or specific volumes of both hot and room temperature water.

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So, I'll heat up this, or rehydrate this asparagus, and I basically just put it in here

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00:06:27,316 --> 00:06:35,376

and I normally don't do this from this position.

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00:06:35,376 --> 00:06:47,446

And I'll put 50 milliliters of hot water  
in there, heat it up, and as you can see,

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00:06:47,646 --> 00:06:51,946

it now has water in it and it's rehydrating  
and this will take 5 to 10 minutes

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00:06:53,526 --> 00:06:55,986

and I'll put some water into my drink bag.

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00:06:59,726 --> 00:07:10,506

I'll put 250 milliliters of water  
in this drink bag for lemonade.

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00:07:13,966 --> 00:07:15,206

Most of the drinks are kind of sweet.

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00:07:15,276 --> 00:07:20,466

Most of the time I don't  
drink these sweet drinks.

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Most of the time I just drink water or coffee.

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Then what we do is just put a straw in  
here and the other nice thing we have

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on board is a very small refrigerator.

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And it'll cool these drinks up very nicely.

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And the next thing I want to show you is how

we eat this stuff once it's both rehydrated,

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00:08:16,066 --> 00:08:20,806

cooled off in our little fridge  
and warmed up in our food warmer.

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So, please join me back in Node 1  
around the dinner table where we eat.

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00:08:44,296 --> 00:08:50,046

We're back in Node 1 where we generally  
use as our kitchen or dining area.

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And I'm going to show you how we eat this food.

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Obviously, it's in these  
packages that we have to cut open

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and basically we just eat all this  
stuff right out of the packaging.

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00:09:05,486 --> 00:09:11,866

So I'm going to cut open my  
beef stew and as you can see,

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00:09:11,946 --> 00:09:14,106

some of it's trying to escape on me already.

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00:09:19,736 --> 00:09:25,816

I generally will eat these things one at  
a time just because it's easier to manage

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00:09:26,356 --> 00:09:30,726

without having to put this stuff down.

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00:09:31,096 --> 00:09:36,556

As you can see, it doesn't look too bad.

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00:09:38,366 --> 00:09:40,936

It's actually pretty tasty.

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00:09:51,826 --> 00:09:57,946

That was one of my Russian crew members that went by.

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00:10:00,466 --> 00:10:03,776

But it ain't bad.

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00:10:04,246 --> 00:10:07,786

Yep. The one in the lab is mine.

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00:10:10,376 --> 00:10:12,546

So, that's the beef stew.

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[Indistinct talking] This isn't the asparagus I made

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because the asparagus floated away somewhere.

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00:10:27,106 --> 00:10:28,416

Not sure where it went.

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00:10:30,666 --> 00:10:33,416

I'm sure it'll turn up in a couple of days.

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00:10:33,596 --> 00:10:51,336

And we didn't have any more asparagus so I made some green beans and mushrooms.

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00:10:51,996 --> 00:10:59,386

So we cut this open and just eat it right out of the package.

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That was Oleg Skripochka again,  
going back to the Russian segment.

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00:11:12,876 --> 00:11:22,086

And what I generally do, especially at  
night while eating dinner is watch the news

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00:11:22,836 --> 00:11:29,726

and ground sends up NBC Nightly News  
every day, except on the weekends.

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00:11:30,856 --> 00:11:32,866

So I watch it on the computer.

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00:11:32,936 --> 00:11:34,146

They also send up television shows.

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>> Brian Williams: On our broadcast  
tonight, surprise appearance.

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00:11:36,826 --> 00:11:40,646

Will two presidents do the trick  
in selling Congress on a tax deal

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00:11:41,046 --> 00:11:46,636

that the current president agreed to?

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00:11:48,826 --> 00:11:58,886

Just as a long time problem  
has come to an end...

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00:11:58,886 --> 00:12:02,176

>> Scott Kelly: Here's the cooled lemonade.

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A little on the sweet side

for me, but not too bad.

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00:12:06,526 --> 00:12:09,646

And also, we have dessert here.

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00:12:09,796 --> 00:12:13,706

We've got various kinds of things to eat for dessert.

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00:12:13,706 --> 00:12:20,286

Some of it is packaged like the beef stew, others are rehydratable

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00:12:20,986 --> 00:12:27,046

and other items are just, you know, in these individual packages.

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00:12:27,296 --> 00:12:33,946

So here I got dried peaches and some candy coated peanuts.

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00:12:33,946 --> 00:12:37,156

>> Brian Williams: You're President Barack Obama, you're fighting with Congress

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over a tax deal, and some of your own people are defecting, so who do you call

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when you call out the reinforcements?

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The answer is: you call the last Democratic president.

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00:12:48,576 --> 00:12:51,466

The two men burst in the door...

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00:12:51,466 --> 00:12:56,226

>> Scott Kelly: Like I said,  
peaches and candy coated almonds.

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00:12:57,316 --> 00:13:04,626

And I'm going to select the almonds  
because they look much better floating

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00:13:04,626 --> 00:13:06,836

around than the dried peaches.

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00:13:07,016 --> 00:13:09,296

The peaches aren't bad.

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00:13:09,296 --> 00:13:11,556

>> Brian Williams: ...who witnessed all  
this in the briefing room [inaudible]

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00:13:12,496 --> 00:13:13,286

>> Well good evening, Brian.

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Look, for most of the day today,  
the tax debate has been dominated

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by Vermont's independent self-described  
[inaudible] senator Bernie Sanders who's been

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speaking on the floor of the  
United States Senate, by himself,

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continuously, since about 10:30 this morning.

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Well about 4 o'clock today, clearly  
the White House had had enough.

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So instead of briefing reporters about President Obama's private meeting with President Clinton,

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President Obama decided to trot out President Clinton himself

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00:13:39,786 --> 00:13:46,826

to greet reporters while it turned into a de facto ex-Presidential press conference.

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00:13:47,106 --> 00:13:52,266

>> President Clinton: ...the best bipartisan agreement we can reach

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to help the largest number of Americans and to maximize the chances that the economics...

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>> Scott Kelly: Pretty good.

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00:14:01,836 --> 00:14:07,416

>> President Clinton: ...create more jobs and to minimize the chances that it will slip back.

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00:14:07,716 --> 00:14:16,846

There's never a perfect bi-partisan bill...

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>> Scott Kelly: Dealing with the garbage here on board is somewhat of a challenge

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that you don't have the garbage

man coming a couple times a week.

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We actually have to store our trash on board for several months.

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00:14:33,256 --> 00:14:37,116

So it's important that it doesn't take up a whole lot of space.

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So, we already put the green beans in there, in this, kind of in the plastic bag

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00:14:44,916 --> 00:14:46,566

that one of the other food items came in.

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00:14:47,236 --> 00:14:52,786

And we also want to get as much of the moisture out of these, this garbage,

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00:14:53,416 --> 00:15:02,966

so it can then be turned back into drinkable water with our system

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00:15:03,226 --> 00:15:09,316

that converts the humidity and urine into potable water.

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00:15:09,776 --> 00:15:16,836

So, try to get as much as of the moisture out of these stuff as we can and so just make sure

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00:15:17,526 --> 00:15:20,766

that the packages are as dry as possible.

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And obviously, if I drink this, eventually it's going to wind up back

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in the potable water system versus coming to a fiery end in the reentry of one

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00:15:35,956 --> 00:15:38,386

of the progress vehicles that carries our garbage.

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00:15:42,506 --> 00:15:46,106

Well, it is basically as dry as possible.

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00:15:47,096 --> 00:15:53,046

And then we separate our wet trash from our dry trash.

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00:15:53,626 --> 00:15:58,356

Because the wet trash, you know, can get more smelly.

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00:15:59,176 --> 00:16:11,776

And so we put our wet trash in these Russian waterproof bags and one of these will last me,

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00:16:11,776 --> 00:16:15,936

as the only US crew member on board here, well over a week.

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00:16:18,126 --> 00:16:23,256

Get this as small as we possibly can, filled up and eventually will go in the progress.

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Dry trash is stored separately in a long plastic trash bag,

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00:16:29,726 --> 00:16:31,366

but I don't have one of those right here to show you.

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In any case, I hope you enjoyed joining me here  
for lunch on the International Space Station