Severe weather can make water unsafe to drink. If a Boil Water Advisory has been issued for your area, take these extra steps to ensure your water is safe.

What diseases are spread by drinking unsafe water?
- Diarrhea
- Giardia
- Cholera
- E. coli Infection
- Salmonella infection

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How to Bottle Water for Storage
1. Wash: Wash the container with clean water.
2. Sanitize: Fill the container with a sanitizing solution made by mixing 1 teaspoon of unscented liquid chlorine bleach in 1 quart of clean water. Seal the container, shake well, and let sit for at least 30 seconds. Pour out the sanitizing solution.
3. Dry: Allow the container to air-dry.

How to Boil Water:
1. Bottled Water
   - Bottled water is the safest source of water in an emergency. Make sure the seal hasn’t been broken before drinking!
2. Boiled Water
   - Boiling is the most effective method of killing pathogens.

How to Bottle Water for Storage:
- If water is cloudy:
  1. Allow it to settle or run it through a clean cloth, paper towel, or coffee filter.
  2. Tip the clear water into a pot.
  3. Bring the water to a rolling boil for 1 minute.*
  4. Let water cool before drinking or storing in clean sanitized containers.

- If water is clear:
  1. Bring the water to a rolling boil for 1 minute.*
  2. Let water cool before drinking or storing in clean sanitized containers.

*Boil for 3 minutes if at an elevation above 6,500 feet.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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