

Drink Safe Water

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
- Cholera
- Salmonella infection
- Giardia
- E. coli Infection

Two Safe Sources of Water

1 Bottled Water

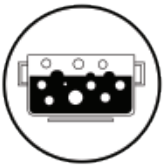


Bottled water is the safest source of water in an emergency. Make sure the seal hasn't been broken before drinking!

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.

2 Boiled Water



Boiling is the most effective method of killing pathogens.

How to Boil Water:

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.

