

How to make water safe to drink after a disaster

- 1 Store it.** 1 gallon per person per day, at least 3 days; 2 weeks if you can. Add more for pets, heat and illness.
- 2 Clear it.** Let cloudy water settle, then strain through a clean cloth or coffee filter. This does not kill germs.
- 3 Boil it.** Rolling boil for 1 minute (3 minutes above 6,500 ft). Cool and store in clean, covered containers.
- 4 Bleach it.** Plain unscented bleach. 6%: 8 drops per gallon. 8.25%: 6 drops per gallon. Stir, wait 30 minutes. Double the dose if cloudy.
- 5 Hidden supply.** Your water heater tank holds 30-80 gallons. Turn off power or gas first; drain from the valve at the bottom.
- 6 Do not drink.** Floodwater or water with fuel, chemicals or toxic contamination. Boiling and bleach won't make it safe.

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