

A close-up, high-speed photograph of a water droplet falling from a faucet, creating a splash. The water is clear and blue, with a white highlight on the droplet. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

WATER Sanitation Hygiene

West Richland WA Stake Preparedness

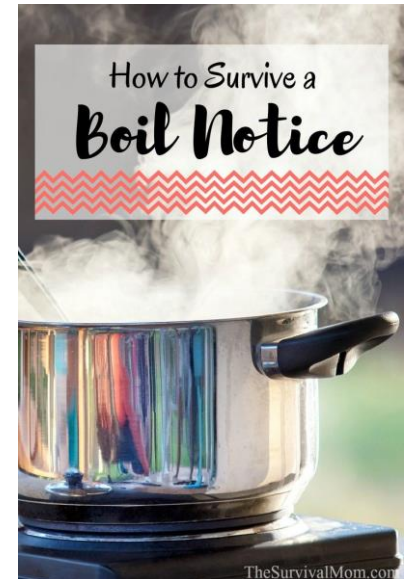
Water Safety

A. What will you do when tap water is not drinkable?

- Contamination, boil notice, etc.

B. What will you do when tap water is not available?

- Loss of electricity
- Prolonged supply problem
- You run out or failed to store H₂O



Water Safety

A: When tap water is not drinkable

- Sediment / cloudy
- Chemicals / agents
- Microorganisms: E.coli, Giardia, Cryptosporidium
- Radiation
- Bathing, hygiene, teeth brushing
- Cooking, dish washing, laundry
- Pets
- Potable & gray water
- Radioactive contamination (think Columbia River)
- The only safe water is purified by you or is bottled water

Household Rules for a Boil Notice

- Do not drink or use water from any faucet
- Brush teeth with bottled or treated water
- Use hand sanitizer in place of soap and water
- Sponge baths
- Combination water treatment
 - Bleach AND Boiling

Household Tips – Boil Notice cont.

- Tape up or disable faucets – make kid-proof
- Use no-rinse bathing wipes
- Store one case bottled water per day for each day of a possible boil notice
- Fill empty containers, jugs, bleach bottles
- Have supply of paper plates, cups, utensils

Contaminants

Agents

- Hexavalent Chromium
- Fluoride
- Arsenic
- Lead
- Bad Bacteria
- Viruses
- Parasitic Protozoa
- Parasitic Worms
- Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals

Natural Contaminants

- Toxic Plants, Algae
- Dead Animals
- Animal Feces
- Minerals
- Turbidity

Radioactive Contaminants

- Direct exposure
- Particulates settle
- Downwind / downriver

Preparing Water

- Filter
 - Distill, Reverse Osmosis, Gravity filter (Berkey, ceramic, biologic), Lifestraw, etc.
- Chemical Tx
 - Chlorine bleach (8 drops/gal); chlorine granules
 - Iodine drops
- Heat
 - Boil for 3 min
 - Can in water bath canner or pressure canner

Water Treatment

- Clarify - Filtration
 - Cloudy/dirty water - remove debris and particulates
 - Filter (filter paper, cloth, 3-stage biologic filter, settle-decant, etc.)
- Disinfect – Purification
 - Objective: remove microorganisms, toxic chemicals, heavy metals
 - Boiling
 - Chemical (chlorine, iodine)
 - Microfiltration

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Purification & Filtration

Purification

- Boiling - heat
 - Does not neutralize chemicals or radioactive particles
- Chemical Tx: Drops / Tablets
- Activated Charcoal Filters
- Ultraviolet Light
- Pumps / MicroFilters (Lifestraw, etc.)
- Distillation

Filtration

- Debris
- Sediment & particulates
- Biologic – bacteria, protozoa, viruses

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Liquid Chlorine Bleach

- Sodium hypochlorite - liquid
- Kills bacteria and viruses (Not effective against all protozoa)
- 2 drops of bleach per quart / 8 drops per gallon. Increase for cloudy water.
- Use unscented; no additives
- Does not neutralize harmful chemicals or radioactive particles
- Shorter shelf life <6 months

Dry Chlorine Bleach / Granules

- **Calcium hypochlorite**: Shock treatment used in pools
- Kills bacteria and viruses (not effective against all protozoa)
- Does not neutralize harmful chemicals or radioactive particles
- 65-70%; no added fungicides, algaecides, or stabilizers (cyanuric acid, clarifiers, etc.)
- Stable in dry form (10 years shelf life)
- Store properly – highly corrosive
 - Sealed, chemical-resistant container
- Compact & lightweight
 - One pound bag can disinfect tens of thousands of gallons
 - CDC and EPA endorse it for emergency Tx

Dry Chlorine Bleach / Granules

- Create Stock 'Bleach' Solution:
 - Dissolve one heaping teaspoon in 2 gallons water = ~5.25% liquid bleach solution
 - Label: "Disinfectant Solution" – store in plastic or glass
 - Use fresh solution, 1 Tbl/gallon; like sodium hypochlorite bleach
- Direct use: Pinch between thumb and finger per 1 gallon water; wait one hour, smell faint chlorine, if no smell, repeat.

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Berkey Water Filters



Light

Crown

Imperial

Royal

Big

Travel

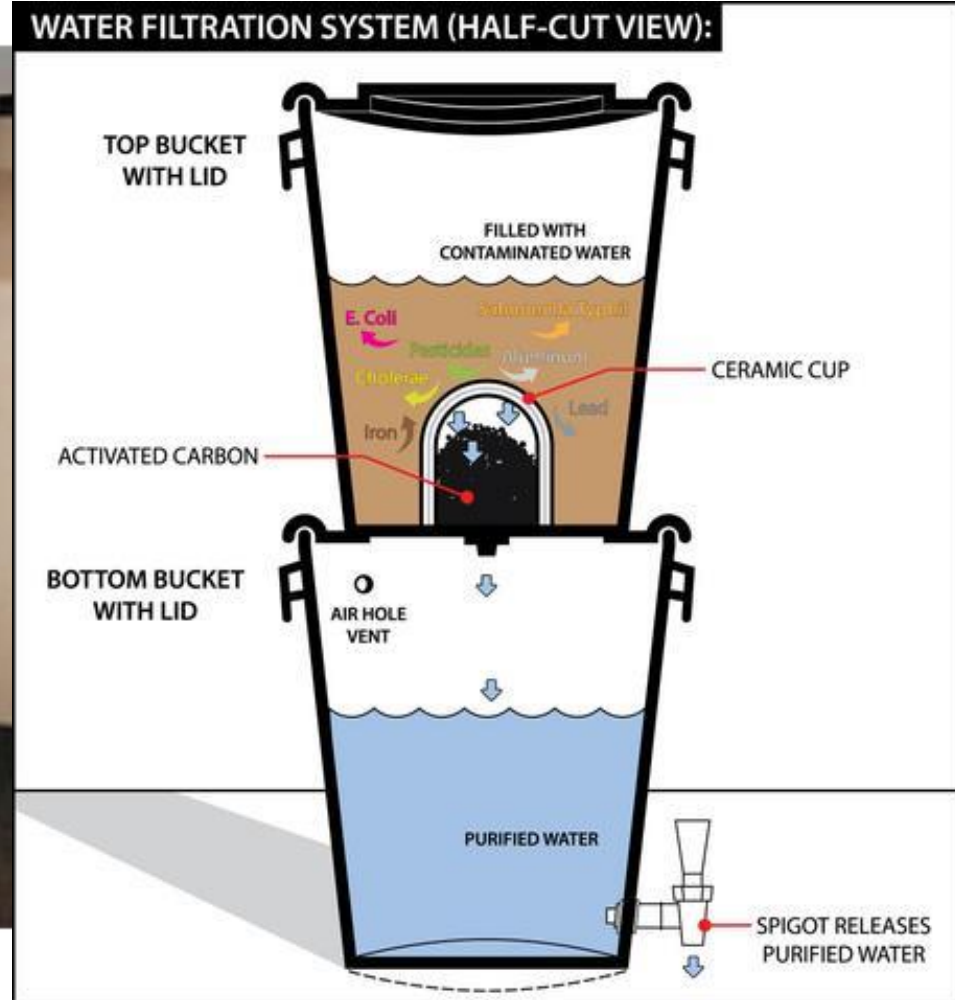
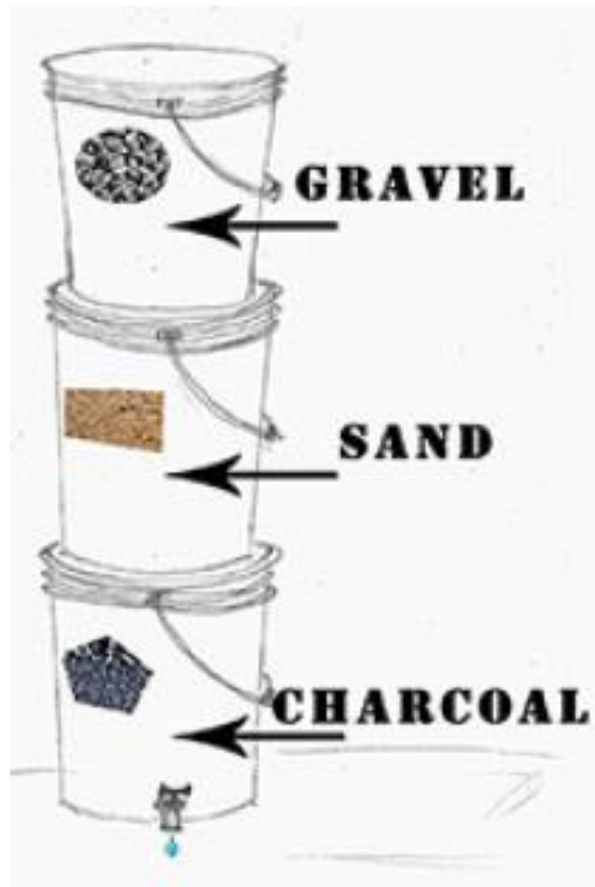
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Gravity Filter - Homemade





Bio-Filter



Water Storage

B: What will you do when tap water is not available?

- Storage
 - PETE food-grade containers – cleaned and sanitized (no milk jugs)
 - Rotated and refreshed periodically
 - Away from heat & light; protect from freezing
 - 8 drops liquid chlorine bleach per one gallon water; increase if cloudy or challenged

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Water Storage

Preparing water for storage

- No need to treat if using commercially treated water from a utility.
- If you use filtered water that removes chlorine, or if your water comes straight from a well, treat with water preservative.
- Treat/filter water taken from questionable storage containers that weren't properly cleaned.

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Drinking Water Guidelines



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Water Storage

Commercially bottled water in PETE (or PET) plastic containers may be purchased. Follow the container's "best if used by" dates as a rotation guideline. Avoid plastic containers that are not PETE plastic.

If you choose to package water yourself, consider the following guidelines:

Containers

Use only food-grade containers. Smaller containers made of PETE plastic or heavier plastic buckets or drums work well.

Water Storage

- How much?
 - FEMA
 - 1 gallon/person for 3 days - minimum
 - Crisis Preparedness Handbook
 - 20-30 gal/person for 2-3 weeks

Source:

www.ready.gov/water

Containers & Storage

- Both portable & fixed (1 gallon H₂O = 8 lbs)
- Use food-grade containers
- Rotated – periodically emptied and refilled
- Don't use containers previously used for non-food products
- Protect from light, heat, freezing
 - Black plastic bag over (white) barrels
- Use potable water hoses (RV) for large tank filling
 - Garden hoses contain lead, BPA, chemicals (phthalates)
- Don't use plastic milk jugs

Containers & Storage

**With your food, use 4, 5, 1 and 2.
All the rest aren't good for you.**

Safer choices for foods and beverages

			
PETE	HDPE	LDPE	PP

Avoid

		
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**Except new bio-based plastics labeled as such.*



Containers & Storage

- Survival Pouch
- 5 gal Bottle
- 5 gal Box
- Waterbrick
- 5 gal Stackable
- 55 gal Barrel
- 250 gal 'Super Tankertank
- 250 gal Water Bladder
- 750 gal Tank



Containers & Storage



Containers & Storage

- Bottled water
- Soda bottles
- Mason jars
- PETE bottles
- Bathtubs, sinks, buckets
 - WaterBob, AquaPod
- Garbage can / trash bag
- Rain barrels





Containers & Storage

Have a layered and redundant water storage strategy

- Short term use; Quick access
- Long term storage
- Portable
- Potable & gray water
- Multiple sources for acquisition
- Multiple modalities for purification
- Rotated supply and supplies

Water Conservation

1. Sanitation

- hand sanitizer
- surface disinfection – bleach, HOCL, H₂O₂, etc.

2. Toilet

- bag in bucket & toilet
- outdoor use or latrine
- absorbent kitty litter, etc.)

3. Hygiene

- sponge baths, wipes
- tooth brushing,

4. Cooking

- canned meals

5. Gray water re-purposing

Water Conservation

6. Disposables

- Diapers & pull-ups, paper plates, utensils, towels, napkins, etc.

7. Laundry

- Minimize laundry needs with underwear liners, body odor control

8. Reduce activity levels and stay cool; limit hot daytime activity

9. Avoid dehydration

- Beverages that dehydrate (caffeine or alcohol)
- 'Yellow vs clear pee'
- Rehydration electrolytes

10. Don't ration water unless authorities order

Hygiene & Sanitation

- Prevention – death and disease
 - Clean hands/bodies/living conditions
- Household sanitation
 - Surface and food disinfection
 - Body wastes (solid & liquid)
 - Garbage and refuse
 - Contingencies & ‘What-ifs’
 - Utility services (power, water, sewer)
 - Pandemics, sickness, quarantine, disease, body fluids...
- Hygiene
 - Women’s hygiene
 - Baby hygiene
 - Elderly hygiene
 - Pet hygiene



Hygiene & Sanitation

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 - Pet hygiene
- Women's hygiene
 - Menstrual products
 - Cleansing products
 - Disposal plan
 - Alternative & Back up
 - Pain relief
 - Yeast infection
 - Pregnancy

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 - Pet hygiene
- Baby hygiene
 - Diapers (cloth); rubber pants
 - Pails
 - Bed liners / pads
 - Cleaning products
 - Disposal plan
 - Alternative & Back up
 - Diaper rash

Hygiene & Sanitation

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 - Baby hygiene
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 - Pet hygiene
- Elderly hygiene
 - Diapers (Depends)
 - Incontinence
 - Bed liners / pads
 - Cleaning products
 - Disposal plan
 - Alternative & Back up
 - Mobility
 - Portable commodes
 - Bathing & oral care

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 - Pet hygiene
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 - Waste products
 - Bags and liter boxes
 - Disposal plan
 - Absorbent pads
 - Cleaning products
 - Alternative & Back up
 - Grooming

Emergency Hygiene Kit Checklist

- Wipes
- Sanitizer
- Soap, shampoo, detergent
- Oral care – Tb, Tp, Floss
- Baking soda
- Bucket toilet
- Liners – bags
- Kitty litter absorbent
- Feminine hygiene
- Disinfectants
 - Bleach, vinegar, H2O2
- Toilet paper
- Paper Towels
- Washcloths
- Nail clippers
- Deodorant
- Gloves
- Etc.



The Twin Bucket EMERGENCY TOILET System

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What's in your kit?

Include
HYGIENE and
SANITATION
items like:

- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Tooth paste
- TP
- Hand sanitizer

