

Emergency Drinking Water

Small steps. Practical preparation. Keep this page where you can find it.

IDENTIFY A SAFE SUPPLY

- ☐ Store safe drinking water before an emergency.
- ☐ Read the local advisory: boil-water and do-not-use orders are different.
- ☐ Use an approved alternative source for suspected chemical or fuel contamination.
- ☐ Keep clean, covered, food-safe containers available.

TREAT ONLY WHEN APPROPRIATE

- ☐ For germs, bring clear water to a rolling boil for 1 minute; above 6,500 feet, use 3 minutes.
- ☐ Allow boiled water to cool safely and keep it covered.
- ☐ Follow treatment-product labels exactly; filters do not all remove the same hazards.
- ☐ Keep safe water separate from untreated water and follow official updates.

SAFETY NOTE Boiling or disinfecting cannot make water contaminated with fuel, toxic chemicals or radioactive materials safe.

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Full guide: readyguidance.com/skills/how-to-purify-water-in-an-emergency/

Safety reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/water-emergency/about/index.html>