

## CDC EMERGENCY WASH RESOURCES

### WEB CONTENT

- Make Water Safe in an Emergency  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/making-water-safe.html>
- Household Cleaning & Sanitizing  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/cleaning-sanitizing/household-cleaning-sanitizing.html>
- Handwashing, Hygiene, and Diapering  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/hygiene-handwashing-diapering/index.html>
- Finding Other Water Sources in an Emergency  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/finding-other-sources.html>
- Creating & Storing an Emergency Water Supply  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/creating-storing-emergency-water-supply.html>
- Cleaning & Preparing Personal Water Storage Containers  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/cleaning-preparing-storage-containers.html>
- Cisterns and Other Rain Catchment Systems  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/disinfection-cisterns.html>
- Private Drinking Water Wells
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/private-drinking-wells.html>
  - [Disinfection of Bored or Dug Wells After an Emergency](#)
  - [Disinfection of Drilled or Driven Wells After an Emergency](#)
- Drinking Water Advisory Toolbox

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- <https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/dwa-comm-toolbox/index.html>

## FLYERS

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/factsheets.html>

### Preventing Diarrheal Illness After A Disaster



- [Printable Fact Sheet: Preventing Diarrheal Illness After A Disaster\[PDF – 1 page\]](#) (English)
- [Print Only Fact Sheet: Hoja informativa para imprimir: Cómo prevenir la enfermedad diarreica después de los huracanes\[PDF – 1 page\]](#) (Español)

### Wash Your Hands



- [Printable Fact Sheet: Wash Your Hands\[PDF – 276 KB\]](#) (English)

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- [Printable Fact Sheet: Wash Your Hands\[PDF – 269 KB\]](#) (Español)

## Make Water Safe



- [Printable Fact Sheet: Making Water Safe\[PDF – 254 KB\]](#) (English)
- [Printable Fact Sheet: Making Water Safe\[PDF – 297 KB\]](#) (Español)

## Drink Safe Water



- [English\[PDF – 130K\]](#)
- [Español\[PDF – 106K\]](#)

## Kill Germs With Bleach

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English

- [English\[PDF – 130K\]](#)

## Cisterns



- [Printable Fact Sheet: Cleaning and Disinfecting Water Cisterns After Floods and Heavy Rains\[PDF – 333 KB\] \(English\)](#)
- [Hoja informativa para imprimir: Cómo limpiar y desinfectar las cisternas de agua después de inundaciones y lluvias fuertes\[PDF – 302 KB\]\(Español\)](#)

## SOCIAL MEDIA MESSAGES

### Water Storage/Containers

Prepare yourself for an emergency by storing a supply of water that will meet your family's needs. Store at least a 3-day supply of 1 gallon of water per day for each person and pet. <https://go.usa.gov/xUuEy>

Prepare an emergency water supply by storing at least 1 gallon of water per person for 3 days. Consider storing more water for pregnant women, for people who are sick, and for those who live in a hot climate.

<https://go.usa.gov/xUuEy>

If you need to prepare your own emergency water containers, it is best to use storage containers that are safe for food use. Never use containers that have been used to hold chemicals. <https://go.usa.gov/xUuss>

Preparing an emergency water container? Before filling with safe water, review steps to clean and sanitize water storage containers:

<https://go.usa.gov/xUuss>

### Store Water Safely

After a natural disaster, water may not be safe to drink.

Listen to local officials to find out if your water is safe.

#### Sanitize containers before storing water

1. Add 1 teaspoon UNSCENTED household bleach to 1 quart (32 oz. 4 cups, or about 1 liter) of water.
2. Pour solution into clean storage container. Shake well; should cover entire inside of container.
3. Let sit for at least 30 seconds. Pour out.
4. Air dry or rinse with clean water if available.
5. Pour clean water into the sanitized container and cover with a tight lid.

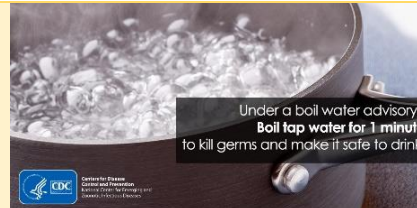
- Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
- Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.



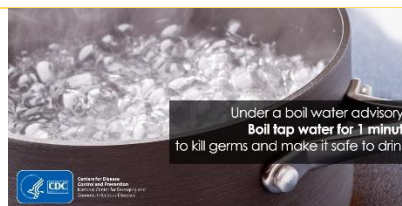
### Make Water Safe

After an emergency or disaster, clean water may not be available for weeks. If bottled water isn't available, boil, disinfect, filter or distill tap water before drinking it.

<https://go.usa.gov/xUuEp>



Not sure if your water source will be safe after an emergency? Learn how to treat it before using for drinking, food prep, personal hygiene, and handwashing. <https://go.usa.gov/xUuEp>



Add unscented household chlorine bleach and a dropper to your emergency kit. If you need to make your water safe after a disaster, add 8 drops of bleach to 1 gallon of water, mix and wait 30 minutes before using. <https://go.usa.gov/xUuEp>

### Make water safe during an emergency

- Use bottled water for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth.
- If you don't have bottled water,
  - Boil your water for 1 minute.
  - If you can't boil, add 8 drops UNSCENTED household bleach to 1 gallon of water. Mix well. Wait at least 30 minutes before using.
  - If you are using a portable water filter, choose one labeled to remove parasites.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 More information:  
[www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency)

Make sure your emergency kit includes unscented household chlorine bleach. You may need to make your water safe after a disaster if you don't have access to bottled water or if you can't boil it. <https://go.usa.gov/xUuEp>


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Is a water cistern part of your emergency water supply? Learn how to clean and disinfect it before an emergency happens: <https://go.usa.gov/xUSx8>

<b>Private Wells</b>	
<p>Do you get water from a private well? Learn how to take safety precautions after an emergency or disaster: <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xUSxm">https://go.usa.gov/xUSxm</a></p>	

**GRAPHICS**

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/buttons-badges.html>

**Did Your Private Well Flood?**



**English**

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### **Español**

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### **Boil Water Advisory**



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## **CDC CONTENT SYNDICATION**

<https://tools.cdc.gov/medialibrary/index.aspx#/results>

### **English syndicated content**

- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/cleaning-sanitizing/household-cleaning-sanitizing.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/disinfection-cisterns.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/disinfection-wells-bored.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/disinfection-wells-drilled.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/finding-other-sources.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/private-drinking-wells.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/hygiene-handwashing-diapering/index.html>
- [http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/safe\\_water/wells/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/safe_water/wells/index.html)
- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/sanitation-wastewater/septic.html>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/cleaning/sanitation.html>

### **Spanish syndicated content**

- Cómo hacer que el agua sea segura en una emergencia  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/making-water-safe-es.html>
- Limpieza y desinfección de la casa  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/cleaning-sanitizing/household-cleaning-sanitizing-es.html>
- Encontrar otras fuentes de agua en una emergencia  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/finding-other-sources-es.html>
- Cómo crear y almacenar una reserva de agua de emergencia

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<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/creating-storing-emergency-water-supply-es.html>

- Limpieza y preparación de recipientes personales para almacenar agua  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/cleaning-preparing-storage-containers-es.html>
- Desinfección de pozos de agua perforados o excavados, después de una emergencia  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/disinfection-wells-bored-es.html>
- Desinfección de pozos de agua aforados o hincados, después de una emergencia  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/disinfection-wells-drilled-es.html>

Other Resources:

**How to Help Loved Ones in Hurricane-Affected Areas**

[https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/diaspora\\_toolkit.html](https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/diaspora_toolkit.html)

**Hurricane Preparedness Key Messages**

[https://www.cdc.gov/phpr/readiness/00\\_docs/CDC\\_Hurricanes\\_PreparednessSafetyMessaging\\_June2018\\_508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/phpr/readiness/00_docs/CDC_Hurricanes_PreparednessSafetyMessaging_June2018_508.pdf)