

Storing water in your home

*Use 2 liter soda bottles. Not juice bottles as the juice never fully washes out!



*Wash bottle and lid with warm water and dish soap.

*Rinse thoroughly. When there are no more bubbles, add ½ tsp of plain, unscented

chlorine bleach. Coat the sides of the bottle and rinse the bottle again.

*Fill the bottle with tap water. Add 2 drops of bleach for each 2 liter bottle and cap the bottle.

*Store in a cool, dry place. Say ... in a crate at the back of a closet.

*Replace the water in the bottles every 6 to 12 months.

FACTOID - You need to store 1 gallon per person per day. Half of the water will be for drinking and the other half for cooking and cleaning.

Using your stored water

To improve the taste of your water (this includes water you boil to kill bacteria), you will need to oxygenate it.

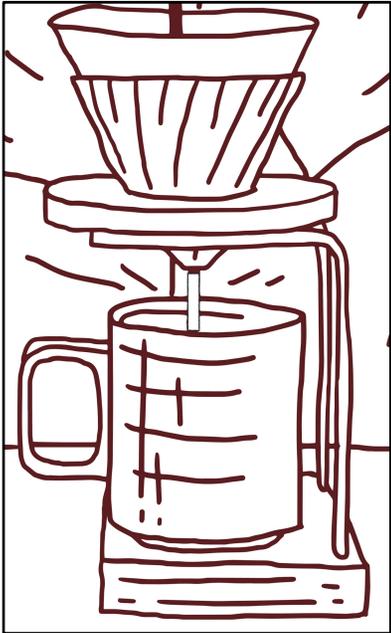


Pour the water back and forth between two clean containers. In between, close the container and shake it up a bit. Then, repeat the process a few more times.

The Water File

Ways to treat questionable water

If the water comes from, say, a nearby fast flowing stream or river where there has been no flood damage, or you've caught rainwater, start with this first step.



* Filter the water through several layers of paper towel, cloth or several coffee filters.

You can choose between two methods of sterilization, but to be really sure the water is good **DO BOTH**.

Boiling the water

*In a large pot or kettle, bring the water to



a boil...a *full rolling boil* ...for 1 full minute.

*Cool and then use as normal.

Chlorinating the water

*Using only regular, unscented chlorine bleach, add 16 drops (1/8 tsp) per gallon of water and let it stand for 30 minutes. At the end of the time, the water should smell vaguely of chlorine. Use it as normal.

*If it doesn't smell of chlorine, add 16 more drops and let stand for 15 more minutes.

*If your water still doesn't smell like chlorine, don't use it. Find another source. If it does, use as normal.