BOILED WATER

Listen to local officials to know if water is safe

Boiling Water:

• Bring tap water to a rolling boil for 1-2 minutes.
• Let the water cool and pour into clean container.

Disinfecting Water:

• If you are unable to boil your water, disinfect it instead.

  If water is clear
  • Add 1/8 teaspoon of unscented bleach to 1 gallon of water.
  • Mix well and wait 30 minutes before drinking.
  • Store disinfected water in clean container with a cover.

  If water is cloudy
  • Filter water using a clean cloth.
  • Add 1/4 teaspoon of unscented bleach to 1 gallon of water.
  • Mix well and wait 30 minutes before drinking.

• Water filters: Boil tap water even if it is filtered. Most household water filters do not remove bacteria.

Using Water:

• Preparing and cooking food
  • Wash fruits and vegetables, and cooking surfaces with bottled water or boiled water that has cooled.
  • Use boiled water when preparing coffee, tea, and other drinks.

• Feeding babies and using formula
  • To prepare formula, bring water (tap or bottled) to a boil for 1-2 minutes. Mix boiled water with formula while still hot. Cool hot formula under cold running water or by placing into a container of cold water before feeding an infant.
  • Wash and sterilize bottles and nipples before use.

• Cleaning and bathing
  • Do not swallow any water when bathing or showering and do not allow children to swallow water.
  • Brush teeth with boiled or bottled water.

• Washing dishes
  • Dishwashers are safe to use because they sanitize dishes at a high temperature.
  • To wash by hand, wash and rinse dishes using hot water. In another tub, add 1 teaspoon of unscented bleach to 1 gallon of water, and soak dishes for 1 minute. Let air dry completely.

• Pets need clean water, too! Give them cooled, boiled water or bottled water.

Protect your family. Protect yourself. Use safe water!