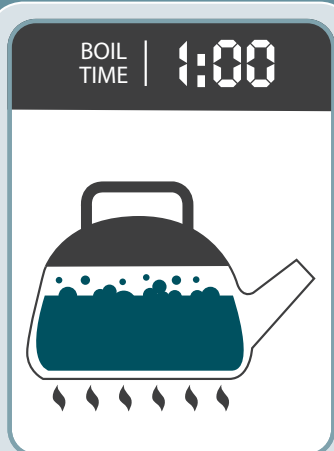


Making drinking water safe during floods

During storm events, water purification systems may not be functioning fully. This means drinking water may not be safe to consume without boiling or chemically treating it.

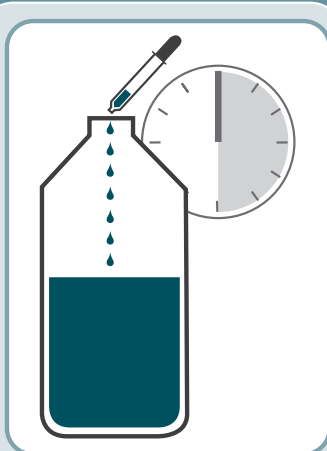
Here are some general guidelines to keep you healthy and safe when water purification systems are not fully functional. Keep these in mind when using water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene.



Boil

Bring water to a rolling boil for 1 minute. Let it cool, and store it in clean containers with covers.

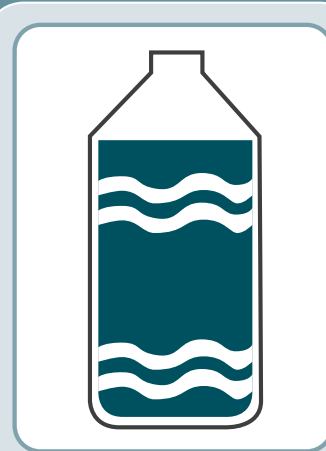
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Chemically treat

Add 1/8 teaspoon (or 8 drops) of regular, unscented, liquid household bleach for each gallon of water, stir it well and let it stand for 30 minutes before you use it. Store disinfected water in clean containers with covers.

OR



Bottled water

Use bottled water that has not been exposed to flood waters if it is available.

Drinking Water Services:
healthoregon.org/dwp

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