

5 Ways to Get Safe Water When Disaster Strikes

1. Filter Bottles and Straws

Filter bottles and straws remove bacteria without power, chemicals, or waiting. Squeeze filters process more water faster for families needing larger quantities. Pair with purification tablets for extra protection against contaminants that filters may miss.





2. Purification Tablets and Drops

Purification tablets use safe chemicals to kill bacteria and viruses in about 30 minutes. Strain cloudy water first, then add the tablet and wait. They're lightweight, inexpensive, long-lasting, and take up almost no space, making them a reliable backup for nearly any emergency kit.

3. UV Light Purifiers

A UV purifier stirs in water for about a minute, neutralizing bacteria and viruses without chemicals or taste change. It works best on clear water and requires battery power, strain cloudy water first, pack spare batteries, and keep the purifier charged for reliable emergency use.





4. Emergency Water Packets

Emergency water packets are sealed pouches of purified water, tear open and drink with no filtering, boiling, or waiting required. With a shelf life of up to five years, pack enough for each person's first 24 hours, then back them up with stored water or a filter for the days that follow.

5. Boiling

Boiling water at a rolling boil for one minute kills bacteria, viruses, and most germs without special equipment or chemicals. It requires a heat source, fuel, and cooling time, and doesn't remove chemicals, so pair it with a quality filter near potential chemical contamination sources.



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