

# Making your water safe in an emergency



TO MAKE YOUR WATER SAFE, WE RECOMMEND:



1. Boiling water

OR



2. Bleach

## 1. BOILING WATER

Your stored water may be unsafe to drink.

*Boil your water before use, either:* Bring the water to a rolling boil for one minute, or boil the kettle or jug until it switches off automatically. *If you can't boil your water, you'll need to disinfect it with bleach.*



## 2. BLEACH

### Drinking

For drinking, cooking and brushing teeth:

Ensure bleach is plain and unscented.  
(Don't use Janola as it contains detergents which makes it unsuitable for treating drinking water).

add  
1/2  
tsp  
**Bleach**

TO



add  
5  
drops  
**Bleach**

TO



### Cleaning

For general cleaning (dishes and hard surfaces) use:

<b>1 tsp</b> .....	1 litre	
<b>1/4 cup</b> .....	10 litres	
<b>Bleach</b>	<u>Water</u>	

For heavy cleaning (floodwater, toilets or illness) use:

<b>1/4 cup</b> .....	1 litre	
<b>2 cups</b> .....	10 litres	
<b>Bleach</b>	<u>Water</u>	

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