If a natural disaster disrupts the public water supply, your stored water will be your go-to source for drinking and cooking. But if your stored water supply runs out, you may need a way to purify other sources of water.

**CDC guidance for making water safe in an emergency**

In an emergency, water contaminated with germs can often be made safe to drink by boiling, adding unscented household bleach, or filtering. Note: Water contaminated with fuel or toxic chemicals will not be made safe by boiling or disinfection.

Many portable water filters can remove disease-causing parasites such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia from drinking water. If you are choosing a portable water filter, try to pick one that has a filter pore size small enough to remove parasites. Most portable water filters do not remove bacteria or viruses.

Carefully read and follow the manufacturer’s instructions for the water filter you intend to use. After filtering, add a disinfectant such as iodine, chlorine, or chlorine dioxide to the filtered water to kill any viruses and remaining bacteria.

For more information about disinfecting water and water filters that can remove parasites, visit the Centers for Disease Control website: [cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/making-water-safe.html](http://cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/drinking/making-water-safe.html)

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