

Three Ways To Purify Water

We know how important it is to have clean water. Here are three ways to purify:

Boiling

Bring the water to a rolling boil for 3-5 minutes. Let cool before drinking.

Disinfect

You can use household liquid bleach (regular household bleach contains 5.25% sodium hypochlorite) to kill microorganisms. Do not use scented, color-safe or bleaches with added cleaners. Add 16 drops of bleach per gallon of water, stir and let stand for 30 minutes. If the water does not have a slight bleach odor, repeat the dosage and let stand another 15 minutes. The only agent used to purify water should be household liquid bleach.

Distillation

Fill a pot halfway with water. Tie a cup to the handle on the pot's lid so that the cup will hang right side up when the lid is upside-down. Make sure the cup is not dangling in the water. Boil the water for 20 minutes. The water that drips from the lid to the cup is distilled.

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