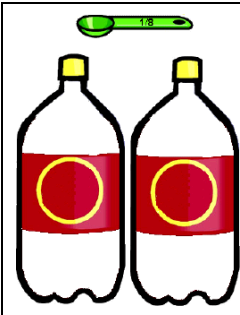



Safe Water

If your water is unsafe to drink and you are unable to boil it then there are two methods to make it safe. One uses household bleach and the other uses tincture of iodine.



Bleach method:

 <p>If the water is clear, mix 1/8 teaspoon of unscented, liquid chlorine bleach with one gallon (same size as two-2-liter drink bottles!) of water.</p>	 <p>If the water is cloudy or colored, mix 1/4 teaspoon of unscented, liquid chlorine bleach with one gallon (same size as two-2-liter drink bottles) of water.</p>
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Be sure to mix the bleach into the water thoroughly.



Let the treated water stand for 30 minutes before drinking it.

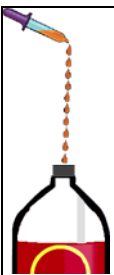
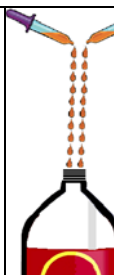


If the treated water has too strong a chlorine taste, it can be made to taste better by allowing the water to stand exposed to the air for a few hours or by pouring it from one clean container to another several times.



Iodine Method

Use the common household tincture of iodine. This is 2% tincture of iodine that is from a medicine cabinet or first aid package.

 <p>If the water is clear, mix 10 drops of tincture of iodine to each half-gallon (same size as one-2-liter drink bottle) of clear water.</p>	 <p>If the water is cloudy or colored, mix 20 drops of tincture of iodine to each half-gallon (same size as one-2-liter drink bottles) of water.</p>
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Let the treated water stand for at least 30 minutes before drinking it.

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