

USE SAFE WATER DURING AN EMERGENCY

After an emergency or disaster, your tap water may not be available or safe to use. Germs, chemicals, and other harmful materials may be in the water. If you think your water might not be safe, do not drink or use it.

Make sure your water is safe

- **Always look for announcements** from local officials to find out if there is a **local water advisory**. They will tell you if there are germs or chemicals in the water and what actions you should take.
- **If you get water from a well** and think it may be contaminated from floodwaters or another source, contact your local health department for advice on inspecting and disinfecting your well.
- **Boil water for 1 minute** if local officials say you need to boil it. This is enough time to kill germs in the water. Start counting when the water comes to a constant boil. Let the water cool before drinking.
- **Use bottled water** or another supply of safe water until you know your tap water is safe.

Feeding your baby

- Breastfeeding is the safest way to feed an infant during emergencies. For infants who are not breastfeeding or being fed breast milk, ready-to-feed infant formula is the next safest option.
- When powdered infant formula is the only option, use bottled water or boiled tap water to prepare formula until officials say your tap water is safe to drink.
- Always clean infant feeding items with bottled, boiled, or treated water and soap before each use

Never use tap water in the following ways unless you know it is safe



Making ice



Washing dishes



Cooking



Drinking



Bathing



Brushing teeth

