

What to do when your water source is flooded

If you are on a public water system, check with them for advice. If you think your private well, spring or surface water intake drinking water has been affected by flooding waters, consider these first steps:

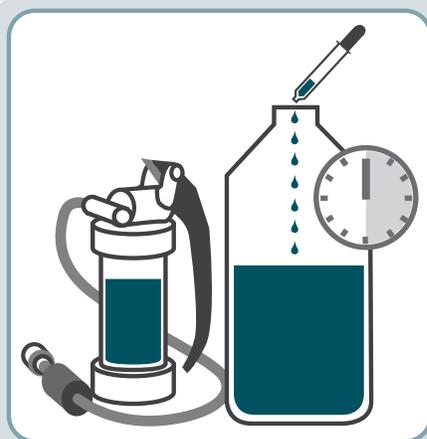
1. Stay away from the drinking water pump while flooded to avoid electric shock.
2. Boiled or bottled water is safest for drinking and washing. Do not drink or wash from the flooded water source to avoid becoming sick.
3. After the flood, get help from a well or pump contractor to clean and turn on the drinking water pump.



Best treatment option: Boil your water or use bottled water

Bring water to a rolling boil for 1 minute. Let it cool, and store it in clean containers with covers.

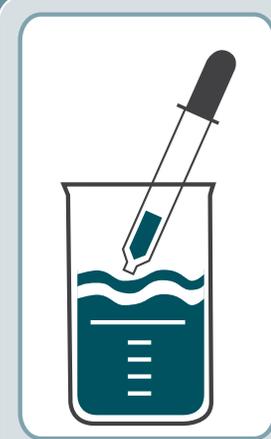
IF YOU CAN'T



Good treatment option: Filter and chemically treat

Use a camping filter to filter your water. Then add 1/8 teaspoon (or 8 drops) of regular, unscented, liquid household bleach for each gallon of water, stir it well and let it stand for 30 minutes before you use it. Store disinfected water in clean containers with covers.

AND



Have water tested

Contact an accredited lab to arrange for testing: go.usa.gov/xmTpK and learn more about testing your water: go.usa.gov/xmTpT to make sure your water is safe to use.

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