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BOILED WATER VS. FILTERED WATER

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Although we've all probably heard about them, boil-water advisories are something that most of us haven't had to experience. When natural disasters hit our areas and water supplies are affected, boil-water advisories are issued. This often leaves us with many questions; for instance, what is the difference in the water quality between boiling water and having a water filtration system? What do the different "water advisories" mean? What is the proper way to boil water and what should I do after the boil-water advisory has been lifted?

We're here to help answer these questions for you!

When a boil-water advisory is issued, it is typically due to a disruption to local water treatment. The CDC suggests "boiling water is one of the best ways to kill viruses, bacteria, parasites, and other disease-causing germs such as rotaviruses, giardia, hepatitis A, salmonella bacteria, and some strains of e. coli." However, if you believe your water has been contaminated by fuel, toxic chemicals or radioactive materials, the CDC recommends contacting your local health department since boiling water doesn't help eliminate fuel or toxic chemicals from your water and is deemed unsafe to drink.

Water filtration systems are set up to help eliminate everyday concerns with a home's water quality. Typically, these sophisticated filtration systems are used to filter out sediments, tastes, and odors. Depending on your water needs, there are whole-house filtration systems or if you are more concerned about your tap water, there are reverse osmosis drinking water systems. These systems work similarly by forcing water through multiple filters to achieve its purest form. Regardless of which system fits your water needs, both systems are beneficial for common water issues.

Water advisories commonly are issued in one of three descriptions. When the "do not drink" advisory is issued it is advised to not drink the tap water, however cleaning, bathing, and other purposes are ok. During a "do not use" warning it is recommended to not use the water for any purpose. When a "boil-water" advisory is issued, the water needs to be boiled before using for any purpose.

When disaster strikes and a boil-water advisory is issued, regardless of if you have a filtered water system, you need to boil the water coming from your faucets to ensure the safest water. When boiling water, keep in mind how much water to prepare. Some things to think about are how the water in your home is used and being mindful to prepare enough water for not only drinking, but also cleaning, bathing, washing hands, brushing your teeth, water for your pets, ice, and making baby formula, too. You want to make sure you are boiling your water to 212° for one-minute, or for three-minutes in elevations over 6,500 feet, to ensure you are breaking down all the contaminants. After the boiled water has cooled down, it is perfectly safe for consumption. Boiled water can be kept in the refrigerator for up to three days or kept at room temperature for 24 hours. The process should be repeated with fresh water after the one to three days is up throughout the duration of the boil-water advisory.

Once the boil-water advisory has been lifted, it's recommended to run the cold-water for 5-minutes and be sure to run your hot-water for 15-minutes, until both become clear; also, keep in mind your water-using appliances, such as your toilets and dishwashers. If you have a water filtration system in your home, it is suggested to change out your filters to ensure that your water stays contaminant free. For extra peace of mind, it may be beneficial to have your home's water tested to make sure it's safe for consumption after the advisory has been lifted.



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