



Boil Water Order:

How to Function At Home



Do Not Drink the Water without Boiling It First

Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

Use a Camp Jug:

Fill it with safe water (either boiled or from a safe source). Keep it on your counter and use it rather than the faucet; you can still use your sink drain. Make sure the container is cleaned and sanitized before using it. More information is available at Hood River County Health Department, Environmental Health office: 541-387-6885.



Did you know:

- [E-Coli](#) bacteria are an indicator species for fecal contamination in drinking water. There are likely many other types of germs present when e-coli is found.
 - *Total Coliform bacteria, a broader group, are an indicator of general environmental contamination.*
- Original Clorox® bleach may be used to make an effective sanitizer:
 - *Look for specific directions on the label. If the information is not there, it is not safe to use.*
 - [Cryptosporidium](#), a common waterborne disease, can survive for more than 15,000 minutes (more than 10 days) in a 1 mg/l of chlorine solution.
- E-Coli bacteria cause an 'acute illness', meaning that the effects are immediate.
 - *The illnesses can be severe particularly for immune-compromised people, children, and the elderly.*