

# Hurricane Preparedness Tips – Water

## Water Drinking

- ▶ Store one gallon per person per day (if possible).
- ▶ Methods for purifying tap water affected by a boil water notice:

Boil the water vigorously for one to three minutes. If means of heating is not available or convenient, the next best alternative is to add 8 drops of newly purchased liquid household bleach per gallon of water, followed by stirring and mixing, and then allowing the water to stand for 30 minutes before use. Purifying tablets from local pharmacy may also be used.

## WATER, PRIVATE WATER WELLS

- ▶ Remove the plug or cap from the tops of the well casing. Pour two quarts of bleach into the well. Replace plug or cap on well casing. Open all outlets on the system and allow water to run until the chlorine odor is noticeable. Allow chlorine to remain in system at least six hours but preferably overnight, and then run water from all outlets until the system is free of chlorine.

## WATER SUPPLY

To ensure that there is an adequate water supply available during a hurricane emergency, individuals should be advised to:

- ▶ Sterilize the bathtub as well as available bottles, cooking utensils and other containers by thoroughly cleaning the containers and then sponging and swabbing them with bleach.
- ▶ The tub and containers should be rinsed well and dried.
- ▶ The water stored in the tub should be used for washing and flushing the toilet.
- ▶ Water stored in cooking utensils and other containers should be used for drinking purposes.

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