Make drinking water safe



You can boil tap water or use bottled water when the town water supply has been affected by a disaster.



1. Use a kettle OR fill a pot with water (keep handles away from young children)



2. Boil water



3. Let water cool



4. Store in a clean, covered container.

When the water has been boiled and is cool, use it for:

- drinking
- making baby formula
- making ice
- preparing and cooking food
- washing plates and cutlery
- brushing teeth
- bathing infants
- washing hands.

Tap water is still safe for:

- showers, baths, shaving,
- flushing toilets
- washing clothes.

You will be told when tap water is safe to drink again by your council or water utility. Remember water with chemicals in it (including fuels) can't be made safe by boiling.

For further information call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or visit www.health.qld.gov.au/disaster

Contact your nearest public health unit—13 QGOV (13 74 68)

