

# STORM PREPAREDNESS

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## BOIL WATER ADVISORY

### Make your Water Safe, Boil It

- Once the water reaches a rolling boil, let it boil for one minute.
- Boil tap water even if it is filtered.

### If Unable to Boil, Disinfect It

#### *If tap water is CLEAR:*

- Use unscented bleach (does not contain added scent).
- Add 1/8 teaspoon (8 drops or about 0.75 milliliters) of unscented household liquid bleach to 1 gallon (16 cups) of water.
- Mix well and wait 30 minutes or more before drinking.

#### *If tap water is CLOUDY:*

- Filter water using clean cloth.
- Use unscented bleach (does not contain added scent).
- Add 1/8 teaspoon (8 drops or about 0.75 milliliters) of unscented household liquid bleach to 1 gallon (16 cups) of water. Mix well and wait 30 minutes.
- If the water remains cloudy, add an additional 1/8 teaspoon of bleach. Mix well and wait 30 minutes.
- If still cloudy after the second treatment, dispose of water and start the process over again, OR use bottled water.

*Store water in clean, disinfected containers.*

### Preparing and Cooking Food

#### *Always use clean or bottled water to:*

- Wash all fruits and vegetables before eating.
- Make drinks, such as coffee and tea.

### Ice

- Do not use ice from ice trays, ice dispensers, or ice makers. Use only commercially available ice until the Boil Water Notice has been lifted.

### Bathing and Brushing Teeth

- Be careful not to swallow any water when bathing or showering.
- Brush teeth with boiled or bottled water.

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