SURVIVAL RIDGE TRADING POST

Safe Water At Home

When water service is interrupted or an advisory is issued, use safe stored water and follow local health instructions.



STEP 1

Choose your source

Use bottled water when available. If you suspect fuel, harmful chemicals, or toxins, use another source and contact local health officials.



STEP 2

Clear Cloudy Water First

Let sediment settle, then pour the clearer water through a clean cloth, paper towel, or coffee filter. This removes dirt, not all germs. Next, use boiling or water-purification tablets as explained below. Clear-looking water can still be unsafe.



STEP 3

Choose Boiling Or Purification Tablets

Boiling: Bring cleared water to a rolling boil for 1 minute, or 3 minutes above 6,500 feet, then let it cool. Tablets: If boiling is not practical, use a product labeled for drinking-water treatment. Measure the water, add the exact dose, mix, and wait the full time on that product's label. Dose and waiting time vary by product and conditions. Survival Ridge Trading Post carries water filters, straw filters, and water-purification tablets. Ask us in the store about the options and their directions.



STEP 4

Store Treated Water Cleanly

Use clean, sanitized containers with tight covers. Let boiled water cool before pouring it in. Label the container and date it. Keep dirty hands, untreated water, and used filtering cloths away from the clean water and container opening.

Filtration And Treatment Are Different

A cloth only strains sediment. A portable filter's germ protection depends on its rating; many do not remove viruses. Follow its instructions and disinfect afterward when required. Tablet types also differ: ordinary chlorine or iodine tablets do not kill Cryptosporidium. Follow local water advisories.

CDC Emergency Water Treatment

EPA Emergency Drinking Water