



What to Do During a **Boil Advisory**

Boiling Water:

- ◆ Fill a pot with water.
- ◆ Heat the water until bubbles come to the top.
- ◆ Once the water reaches boiling temperature, allow it to continue boiling for one (1) minute.
- ◆ Lower the heat and let the water cool down to a suitable temperature.
- ◆ You can store the water covered in a clean container.

Disinfecting Water (if you are unable to boil water):

- ◆ Use unscented bleach (bleach that does not have an added scent).
- ◆ Add 1/8 teaspoon (8 drops) of unscented household liquid bleach to 1 gallon of water.
 - ◆ Add 1/4 teaspoon (16 drops) if water is cloudy.
- ◆ Mix well and wait 30 minutes or more before drinking.
- ◆ Store disinfected water in clean container with a cover.



What to Do During a Boil Advisory (cont.)

What Should I Use Boiled Water For?

- ◆ Water Filters
 - ◆ Most water filters *do not* remove bacteria or viruses.
- ◆ Preparing and Cooking Food
- ◆ Feeding Babies and Using Formula
 - ◆ Use ready-to-use baby formula, if possible.
 - ◆ Be sure to wash and sterilize bottles and nipples before and after use.
- ◆ Ice
 - ◆ *Do not* use ice from ice trays, dispensers, or makers.
- ◆ Brushing Teeth
- ◆ Washing Dishes
 - ◆ Generally, household dishwashers are safe to use if water reaches a final rinse temperature of at least 150 degrees.
- ◆ Pets
 - ◆ Pets are susceptible to the same diseases as humans, be sure to give them boiled water.