

## **EMERGENCY WATER PURIFICATION:**

Excerpts from information provided by Clorox

**Boiling is BEST** – Short of using a very high quality water filter, this is the most reliable method for killing microbes and parasites. Bring water to a rolling boil and keep it simmering for at least 10 minutes. Add one minute of boiling to the initial 10 minutes for every 1,000 feet above sea level. Cover the pot to shorten boiling time and conserve fuel.

**Liquid Clorox Bleach** – Only use Regular Clorox Bleach (not Fresh Scent or Lemon Fresh). To insure that Clorox Bleach is at its full strength, replace your storage bottle every three months. Keep an eye dropper taped to your storage bottle since purifying small amounts of water requires only a few drops.

First, let water stand until all particles settle. Pour the clear water into an uncontaminated container and add Regular Clorox Bleach (2 drops per quart, 8 drops per gallon or 1/2 teaspoon per five gallons). Mix well. Wait 30 minutes. Water should have a slight bleach odor. If not, repeat dose. Wait 15 minutes. Sniff again. Don't pour purified water into contaminated containers.

**Sanitizing Dishes** – Mix 1 tablespoon Regular Clorox Bleach with one gallon of water. Always wash and rinse items first, then let each item soak in sanitizing solution for 2 minutes. Drain and air dry.