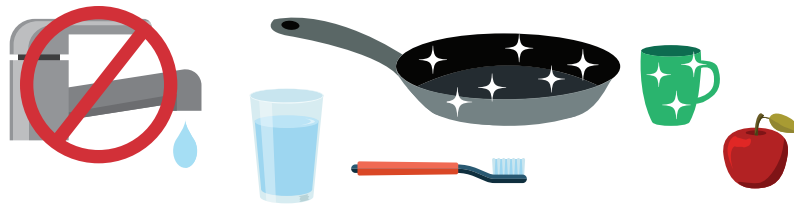


What To Do in a Flood if You Have a Well or Septic System

If you get water from an individual well:

Do not use tap water for:

- Drinking.
- Brushing teeth.
- Washing dishes.
- Preparing food.

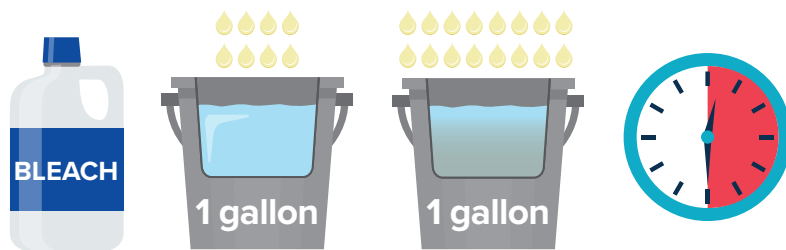


Use bottled water or boil well water for 3–5 minutes.



If you can't buy or boil water, mix household bleach into water from the well.

- If the water is clear, add 8 drops of bleach per gallon of water.
- If the water is cloudy, add 16 drops of bleach per gallon of water.
- After adding bleach, wait 30 minutes to use the water.



After the flood:

- Flush and chlorinate your well.
- Use a certified lab to test your well water for bacteria.

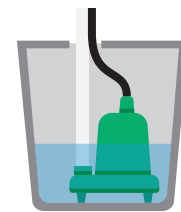
If you have a septic system:

Do not pump the septic tank.

Pumping the tank could cause it to break or float or could damage inlet and outlet pipes.



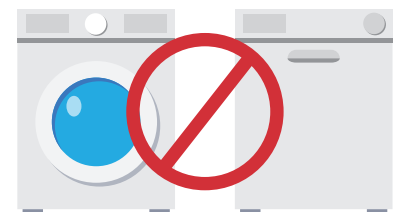
Do not put water from a basement sump pump into the septic system or onto the drainfield.



Take fewer showers and baths.



Do not use the washing machine or dishwasher.



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