

Use Safe Water During Emergencies

After an emergency or disaster, your tap water might not be safe to use. Look for changes in your water's color, taste, or smell and follow all directions from local officials.

If you think you got sick from water, report it to your local health department.

Make sure your water is safe

- Kill germs in water by bringing it to a **rolling boil for at least 1 minute**. Let the boiled water cool before using.
- **Use bottled water** until you know your tap water is safe.
- **If you get water from a well** and think it may be contaminated from floodwaters or another source, contact your local health department for how to inspect and disinfect your well.

Do not use tap water in these ways unless you know it's safe



Making ice



Washing dishes



Cooking



Drinking



Bathing



Brushing teeth



Preparing infant formula



For pets

For more information: dph.illinois.gov

East Side Health District: (618) 271-8722 | Safe Drinking Water Hotline: (800) 426-4791