Drink Safe Water

After a hurricane, water may not be safe. Germs and chemicals may be in the water. Listen to local officials to find out if your water is safe.

Things you should not do

• Don’t drink the water unless you know it is safe.
• Don’t wash or clean with the water unless you know it is safe.
• Don’t bathe in the water unless you know it is safe.
• Don’t cook with the water unless you know it is safe.
• Don’t brush your teeth with the water unless you know it is safe.
• Don’t use the water to make ice unless you know it is safe.

Things you should do

• Use bottled water if you are told to.
• Boil water for at least 1 minute if you are told to. Start counting the 1 minute when water is at a rolling boil. This will not get rid of chemicals. If you think chemicals are in your water, use bottled water.

Ways to feed your baby

• Breast-feed or use ready-made formula.
• If you must use water to make formula,
  — use bottled water.
  — boil water if you don’t have bottled water.

Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention