PROCEDURES FOR DISINFECTING DRINKING WATER
If you know in advance that you will not have water, collect water in as many clean containers as you have. However, this water should be purified according to one of the following methods:

**Boiling**
Bring water to a rapid boil, and hold it there for 5 to 10 minutes.

**Chlorination**
Use liquid, unscented chlorine laundry bleach which contains 5.25% sodium hypochlorite (look for % on contents label) and follow the mixing procedure below:

- **Cold Water**
  1 gallon .......... add 8 drops of bleach with 5.25% sodium hypochlorite
  5 gallons .......... add ¼ teaspoon of bleach with 5.25% sodium hypochlorite

- **Turbid or Cloudy Water**
  1 gallon ........ add 16 drops of bleach with 5.25% sodium hypochlorite
  5 gallons ....... add ½ teaspoon bleach with 5.25% sodium hypochlorite

Add the bleach, mix the solution thoroughly and then allow to stand for 30 minutes before using.

**Iodine**
If you have a bottle of 2% tincture of iodine in your first aid kit, it can be used to purify water. For one gallon of clear water, add 20 drops of 2% tincture of iodine or 40 drops if the water is cloudy. Mix thoroughly and allow to stand for 30 minutes prior to use.

**Purification Tablets**
Halzone tablets, which release chlorine, can be used. These are usually available at drug stores or sporting goods stores. Follow the directions on the label for proper use.