

Sterilising Water Containers

1. Drain the tank/container completely
2. Clean out all accumulated matter from the inside of the container
3. Refill the tank/container with a solution of unscented chlorine bleach and potable water.
 - This solution is made by adding 333ml of unscented chlorine bleach per 1000 litres water (3.5ml bleach to 10L water). Make sure the solution is well mixed
4. Or, if using a 20 litre container, add 7ml of unscented chlorine bleach and top up with potable water, cap and shake well (invert container several times)
5. Ensure the container is filled to overflowing and replace cap so there is no air gap
6. Allow this water to stand in the tank/container for at least 30 minutes
7. After 30 minutes empty the tank/container completely
8. Rinse the tank/container with **potable** water (such as that from a treated town supply)
9. Refill the tank with potable water

Only use unscented & un-thickened bleach. Other types of bleach can contain chemicals that may be toxic.

The use of chlorine bleach will ensure that the tank/container is adequately sterilised and suitable for holding drinking water. It is important that the tank is completely drained at step 7 as residual chlorine solution may make the water taste unpleasant, though it will be harmless.