

Homemade Water Filter

Quick Instructions

1. Drink the bottled water, if your bottle is still full. Then cut the bottom off of the bottle with the knife.
2. Turn the bottle upside down, so the part you usually drink from is at the bottom. Then take some cheesecloth and stuff it into the narrowest part of the bottle. You could also use a coffee filter, a piece of cloth from a shirt, a handkerchief, or some gauze from a first aid kit.
3. Spoon or pour a thick layer of activated charcoal into the water bottle on top of the cheesecloth. In a survival situation, you can make your own charcoal by building a fire and then crushing the coals with a rock (after they cool down).
4. Spoon or pour a layer of sand on top of the activated charcoal. Leave some room for water at the top. If you have some gravel or pebbles you could place some on top of the sand as another layer.

Note – At this stage make sure and leave room at the top for water because the water will not flow through the filter quickly.

5. Put the plastic water bottle on top of the glass bottle or other container. Balance as needed against a tree or a wall.
6. Pour the water into the top of the filter and then wait.
7. If possible, boil the water after it has gone through the filter.

Note - You may reuse the same filter many times.

Note - The illustration on the other page does not show room for water at the top. It also shows some gravel, which you can use if you have it handy. It's not essential.

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