

# Collecting & Storing Your Drinking Water Safely

## Do you store water at home?

It is important to be careful when storing drinking water at home, as harmful bacteria can get into water containers.



## What can you do to keep your drinking water clean?

### Clean dippers often



Dippers can collect harmful bacteria from your hands. Make sure to wash dippers with dish soap regularly.

### Collect drinking water directly into storage containers

This makes it less likely that harmful bacteria will get into the water containers.



### Clean your storage containers

Large storage containers, water coolers, jugs, and dippers should be cleaned often. Rinse containers at the Public Water Dispensing Unit (PWDU) rinse station each time before filling. Wash and sanitize at least once per month:

- 1 Wash with dish soap and water; rinse well.
- 2 Use bleach solution to rinse all surfaces that come into contact with drinking water, for 30 seconds.
- 3 After bleaching, rinse well with clean water. Refill with drinking water or let air dry.

**How to make a bleach solution:**  
Add 1 tablespoon of bleach per gallon of water, or 1 teaspoon per litre.