

# Protecting your health in an emergency

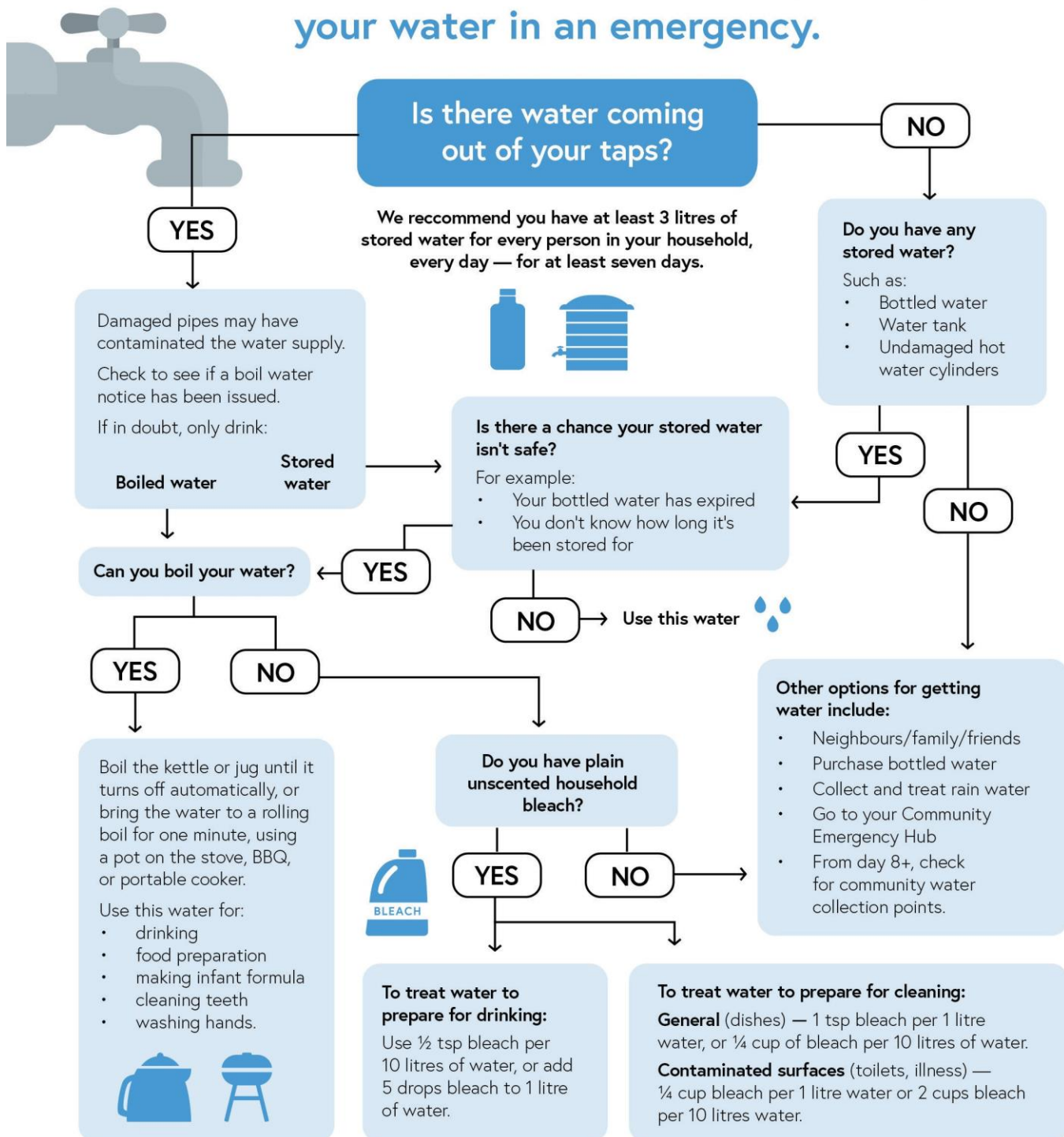
## Making your water safe



**The pipes that bring water to your home could be damaged.**

Listen to the radio or visit [hbemergency.govt.nz](http://hbemergency.govt.nz) for important information.

### Use this flowchart to know how to treat your water in an emergency.



# Making your water safe in an emergency

Do you know how to make your water safe to drink in an emergency?

What about safe water for cleaning?

Woof woof!  
Don't forget about me



## TO MAKE YOUR WATER SAFE, WE RECOMMEND:



1. Boiling water

OR



2. Bleach

### 1. BOILING WATER

Your stored water may be unsafe to drink.

*Boil your water before use, either:* Bring the water to a rolling boil for one minute, or boil the kettle or jug until it switches off automatically. *If you can't boil your water, you'll need to disinfect it with bleach.*



### 2. BLEACH

#### Drinking

For drinking, cooking and brushing teeth:  
Ensure bleach is plain and unscented.  
*(Don't use Janola as it contains detergents which makes it unsuitable for treating drinking water).*

add  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp Bleach

TO



add 5 drops Bleach

TO



#### Cleaning

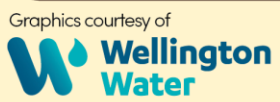
For general cleaning (dishes and hard surfaces) use:

**1 tsp** ..... 1 litre  
 **$\frac{1}{4}$  cup** ..... 10 litres  
**Bleach** ..... **Water**



For heavy cleaning (floodwater, toilets or illness) use:

**$\frac{1}{4}$  cup** ..... 1 litre  
**2 cups** ..... 10 litres  
**Bleach** ..... **Water**



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