

School children are taught about the importance of drinking only clean water in nearly all of the developing countries. This advice is taken from a magazine called 'Action', which was given free to children in Zimbabwe.

KEEPING OUR WATER CLEAN

Water is the source of all life. Without it we would die. Yet water which is dirty may also make us very sick. So we must make sure that our water is kept clean and pure. On these pages you will find lots of ideas for doing just this. Read on, and make sure the water you drink is always clean.

FIVE WAYS OF MAKING WATER SAFER

Water which looks clean may still contain germs or harmful chemicals. So be careful and make sure your water is safe for drinking.



Boiling.

Boiling water kills most germs, but doesn't make the water clean. It also uses up a lot of fuel.



Ageing.

Allow water to stand for 48 hours before drinking. This makes sure that harmful organisms such as blood flukes are dead.



Adding chemicals.

You can buy special chemicals which when added to water will kill all harmful organisms.

1. water
2. fine stone
3. rough pebbles & sand
4. fine sand
5. rough pebbles & sand
6. fine charcoal
7. rough pebbles & sand
8. fine stone
9. rough stone



Filtering.

A simple sand filter will remove most dirt as well as some germs.



Sunlight.

Leaving water in bright sunlight for several hours will kill most germs.