Listen for announcements from local officials to find out what to do. They will tell you if there are germs and/or chemicals in the water.

Boil water if instructed. Boil it for at least one (1) minute (start counting when the water comes to a constant boil). Let the water cool sufficiently before drinking. Boiling kills germs in the water.

Use bottled water if instructed. Sometimes after a disaster, there may be chemicals in the water that boiling cannot remove.

Breast-feed or use ready-made formula. If you must use water to make formula, use only commercially-bottled water until officials say your tap water is safe to drink.

Unless you know it is safe...

- Never drink the water.
- Never wash or clean dishes, utensils, toys, or other objects in the water.
- Never bathe in the water.
- Never cook with the water.
- Never brush your teeth with the water.
- Never use the water to make ice.

For more information on safe water after a natural disaster, visit: http://bit.ly/DrinkSafeWater