

### DRINKING from your Water Heater

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**Step 2: Cut off power to the tank.**

- ELECTRIC: flip the breaker supplying electricity to the appliance.
- GAS: shut off the gas to the tank.

**Step 3: Allow the water to cool.** This will take hours!

**Step 4: Attach a hose.** Attach a washing machine / garden hose to the valve at the bottom of the tank.

**Step 5: Break the vacuum.** Turn on a hot water faucet in the house to allow air into the tank.

**Step 6: Collect the water.** Open the valve at the bottom of the tank. Collect the water in a clean storage container. It may contain rust and/or sediment. Filter using a clean towel/sock/coffee filter.

**Step 7: Treat the water.** Add bleach, stir, and let stand for 30 minutes.

- Regular bleach (5.25%) – add 8 drops per gallon.
- Concentrated bleach (8.25%) – add 5 drops per gallon.

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