

What If ... Awareness Campaign

Home Hemodialysis

No Water



Most patients think they are prepared for an emergency, but are they really?

Emergency Checklist

- Contact your home dialysis team to find out the plan for treatment in the event of a water outage at your home.
- Monitor all boil water advisories (BWAs) posted by your local water supplier. Your dialysis provider or clinical professional must confirm that your water treatment system can still produce safe water for your dialysis treatments.
- If there is a sewage line or water main pipe break in your area, do not use your home's water for drinking.
- Keep a 3-day emergency diet kit, including 1 to 2 gallons of bottled water. On the 3-day emergency diet, you are only allowed 2 cups of fluid per day.

The Facts

Water used for cooking, drinking, or general bathing can tolerate a BWA with standard boiling precautions, while water used for dialysis cannot. Water used for dialysis must undergo additional treatment before it is safe for use.

Contact your water supplier and inform them your household has a home dialysis patient requiring water for medical treatment. Save your water supplier's contact information as part of your disaster plan.



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