

Caring For Your Water Containers

Cleaning

Disinfect your jugs every 4-6 weeks or anytime you see algae develop. Use 1 or 2 tablespoons of regular laundry bleach. Put the chlorine in the jug with some water and put the cap on and shake thoroughly, than fill the bottle with tap water and let soak for 1 to 2 hours. Dump the water down the drain. Add a little more water and a couple drops of dish soap than shake and dump. Keep rinsing with tap water until all soap suds disappear.

Transportation

Try not to let your filled water container sit in the car or hot trunk of the car, especially during the summer months where the temperatures can reach 140 degrees inside a closed vehicle. Extreme heat can reduce the shelf life of the water. If you are running errands you might try to schedule your visit to our store as the last stop on your trip.

When transporting empty bottles be sure to loosen or remove the caps from the bottles before you put them into your car. Extreme heat can cause a plastic bottle to begin bulging in as little as 30 seconds. Even a partially loosened cap can reseal itself as the air inside the container expands very quickly.

Usage

When placing a bottle onto a cooler or other dispenser, be sure to wash your hands and wipe off the neck of the bottle beforehand. Dust in the air and unclean hands can contaminate the water and the dispenser causing taste and odor problems. Do no place plants or other objects on top of an inverted bottle, as dirt can fall down into the dispenser. Don't place dispensers in direct sunlight. You might want to purchase a cover for your bottle to keep the area cleaner and safer.

Storage

Always store your bottled water in a cool, dark location, with the cap firmly in place away from chemicals or cleaning supplies. Do not store your bottled water in a garage where elevated temperatures during the day may reduce the shelf life of water. One gallon dairy style jugs (the milk jug) actually allow some air through the plastic. If water is stored near chemicals, the chemical can transfer through the plastic causing taste and odor problems such as storing the water in a closet with mothballs.

Shelf Life

Maximum freshness is achieved if the bottled water is used within two weeks of filling. However, because of the quality of our water, we have not found taste or odor problems with water that has been shelved for weeks, even months.