

## EMERGENCY PREP: SOME USEFULNESS OF BLEACH & PEROXIDE #1

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UNSCENTED chlorine bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Use UNSCENTED bleach with a medicine dropper, with nine parts water to one part bleach. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. **Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.**

Basically a 1:30 ratio means 1 part bleach to 30 parts water. How you measure a “part” depends on how much bleach solution you want to end up with. Let’s say you want approximately 1 gallon of bleach solution. 1 gallon = 16 cups = 32 half-cups, which is close to 30 parts of water. So to end up with close to a gallon of bleach solution, you would add ½ cup of bleach to 30 half cups of water (which is the same as 15 cups, or 1 gallon minus 1 cup).

On the other hand, if you only want a small amount, then you could add 1 Tablespoon of bleach to 30 tablespoons of water (which is the same as 2 cups minus 2 Tablespoons since there are 16 tablespoons in a cup). This will give you almost 2 cups of a 1:30 bleach solution.

### PEROXIDE

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1. Clean your counters and table tops with peroxide to kill germs. Simply put a little on your dishrag when you wipe, or spray it on the counters, to leave fresh smell.

2. Fill a spray bottle with a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water and keep it in every bathroom to disinfect without harming your septic system with bleach or most other disinfectants.

3. You can add a cup of peroxide instead of bleach to a load of whites in your laundry to whiten them. If there is blood on the clothing pour it directly on the soiled spot. Let it sit for a minute, then rub it and rinse with cold water. Repeat if necessary.