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North Complex West Zone Potable Water Filling Station Container Safety

Containers used for collecting potable water should be made of food grade, non-absorbent and cleanable material. Containers used for collection of potable water should NOT have been used for the storage or collection of items/chemicals other than food and potable water and should be in good condition.

- The containers should be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized prior to being used to collect water.
 - Properly clean the container by washing with hot, soapy water to remove debris and then rinse.
 - Sanitize the container by soaking or contacting container with chlorine solution for at least 1 minute. The chlorine solution can be made by combining 1 tablespoon of fresh, unscented chlorine to 1 gallon of water.
- If you are unable to properly clean and sanitize the container used to collect water, then follow one of these methods for making sure your water is safe to drink by killing harmful bacteria and other organisms.
 - Boil your water for at least 1 minute, then cool.
 - Use bottled water for drinking, brushing teeth, washing dishes, making ice and food preparation.
 - Disinfect your water by combining 1/8 teaspoon of fresh, unscented chlorine to 1 gallon of water. If the water is cloudy, use 1/4 teaspoon of chlorine to 1 gallon of water. Allow solution to mix for 30 minutes prior to using.

For more information regarding the rehabilitation of your drinking water well, refer to “Well Disinfection & Sampling Information” at the following website: <https://tinyurl.com/y4escz8k>