Berkey Water Filter Review

Avoid Contaminated Water with the Best Portable Water Purifiers in Existence

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The Environmental Working Group reports that after reviewing almost 20 million records of water utility companies in the U.S., 316 pollutants were found in the tap water you drink. This can be eliminated with one of Berkey's portable water purifiers.

What is especially disgusting is that almost half of the chemicals detected in the water are not subject to health or safety regulations and can legally be present in any amount. The contaminants with federal regulations were above the recommended levels: 49 to be exact. We're talking about 53.6 million Americans' tap water.

Many contaminants found in your treated drinking water are disinfection byproducts, nitrate and arsenic. Yes, the fluoride being dumped in the water you are ingesting produces toxic byproducts.

Pensacola, FL has MTBE, a fuel additive, in its water. Omaha, NE has 5.6 parts per billion in their water supply. Mesa, AZ has 33.3 parts per billion of trihalomethanes in their water. The list goes on and on from there.

Water utility companies spend 19 times more on water treatment chemicals like deadly fluoride than the federal government invests in protecting lakes and rivers from pollution.

The Environmental Working Group believes the federal government has a responsibility to fix things. We think they're wasting their breath.

We don't have to live life always depending on others. With a Berkey portable water purifier you can be prepared for any emergency. Be prudent in providing for your family the best you can.

Through this report, it is proven that your tax dollars aren't providing the cleanest water possible. It is your responsibility now to change the condition of your water.

It really is no surprise more and more people are buying water filters for home after we find out what is in tap water, not to mention the unpleasant taste. What

actually is in tap water and what does all the money and testing actually do if it really isn't clean?

This is sort of the official stance on tap water. Municipal water systems are subject to the Safe Drinking Water Act, and city water is constantly and thoroughly tested for harmful substances. City water is filtered and treated with chlorine or other disinfectants to eliminate harmful microorganisms and aid in ensuring a safe water supply.

I don't buy that for a second and neither should you.

More than half of the chemicals detected in our water are not subject to health or safety regulations and can legally be present in any amount. This means you should be doing what you should have been doing all along. You need to provide clean water for your family through water filters for home use.

Here is a sampling of all the pollutants in your tap water: trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, insecticides, pesticides, nitrates, arsenic, radiation, rocket fuel, lead, fluoride and benzene. Those are just a few.

The best water filters for home will be able to eliminate all of those pollutants and more. I'll give you a head start in your research. Those cheap water pitchers found in the stores eliminate almost none of those toxins. There are some great gravity water filters available that do the job plus more.

Do All Water Filters Produce Clean Water?

Many people ask this question every day on their quest for clean water. I'm sure you've seen advertised all over the TV certain water filters and how great they are. I'm sure you've also seen shows like The Biggest Loser where filters are pitched as the best thing ever.

I'm not going to sit here and bash any particular companies. I'm sure you can figure it out. All you have to do is visit your local convenience store to find a water filter solution that will supposedly provide clean water for you and your family.

Some of these companies brand themselves as the number one household water filter system that makes water cleaner. Do they really make water that much cleaner?

If you look on their data performance sheet, which shows what is reduced and the percentages, the information is staggering compared to other systems. For instance, copper is only reduced by 80%. Mercury is only possibly reduced by 89%. Chlorine is reduced up to 96%. But that is it!

These filters don't remove anything else. How can a product claim to produce clean water when it barely filters anything out?

Another cheap water pitcher filter I examined reduces chlorine, some heavy metals, some cysts, pharmaceuticals and some industrial pollutants. What they don't have is a sheet telling you what exactly they filter out, the percentages and what independent company did their official testing. Each of these water filters need to be replaced every two to three months which is a hassle and heave on the pocketbook.

So what is the alternative to having truly clean water? You need a filter system that is very powerful, no need for frequent filter changes, durable, proven and tested and completely safe drinking water. Here are some things you need to make sure are filtered out of your water.

- Pathogenic bacteria to non-detectable levels such as E.coli and other cysts and parasites
- Trihalomethanes removed to non detectable levels such as Bromoform
- Radiologicals removed to non detectable levels such as Radon 222
- Inorganic minerals and VOCs such as Benzene, Chlorine, MTBE and o-Xylene
- Heavy metals including lead, mercury, aluminum, cadmium, Chromium and Copper
- Nitrates, nitrites, rust, silt and sediment

The filter SHOULD NOT remove the healthful and nutritional minerals found in water that the body needs.

You also want it very clearly to state they have been tested by State & EPA accredited laboratories to exceed EPA & ANSI/NSF (Std. 53). It would even help to know which states and labs did the testing.

Your path to clean water is through a filtering system with all the credentials listed above. Don't opt for the filters that remove very little while taking your money every two months.

What In The World Is a Berkey?

Sometimes when people hear the word "Berkey" they automatically think of the city in California called, "Berkeley" or the University of California at Berkeley. We are talking about something completely different.

When I say that word, I'm solely referring to very powerful water filter systems. Let me start by giving you a brief history. First ordered by the Royal House in England, Berkey water filters have also been used by relief organizations such as Unicef, the Peace Corps and Red Cross Societies internationally. What's more, British Berkefeld systems have been used for more than 150 years by missionaries, explorers, and relief workers in over 140 countries around the world.

Berkey is the original North American distributor for British Berkefeld, a company who makes the finest ceramic water filter available. These ceramic filters are excellent at removing harmful bacteria from sediment heavy, contaminated drinking water.

It soon became clear to Berkey that a more powerful filter was needed, one that not only removed bacteria but was also in addition able to remove chemicals, viruses, heavy metals fertilizers and a long list of additional contaminants from your drinking water.

After many years of research, Berkey developed the Black Berkey purification element. This filter gives you all of the benefits of the ceramic filter with the added abilities mentioned above. Black Berkey purification elements significantly raised the bar to a level that no other gravity flow water filters are currently able to attain.

Berkey is a company based in Arlington, Tx. that builds water purifiers specifically for the harshest circumstances and to provide quality water. Berkey products are extremely durable and designed for emergencies and cases where electricity, water pressure or access to clean water is unavailable. The systems are also strong enough for day-to-day use.

What is most important is the quality of water that is filtered through the system, and Berkey even claims that it can filter the color out of water filled with red food coloring. The extremely powerful filtration system removes viruses, harmful

pathogenic bacteria, cysts and parasites, and all nonessential minerals while still maintaining the minerals that your body needs to survive and remain healthy.

It's strong enough for third world countries and germ-infested water in the most distant and secluded areas possible. It's great for camping trips and cabins far away from any sort of civilization as well as volunteer trips to third world countries. In short, a Berkey can be used at anytime, anywhere and by anyone.

Which Berkey Is Right For Me?

It all comes down to your needs and how many people are in your household. When it was just my wife and I we had a Travel Berkey. We have two kids now and own the Berkey Light. I can see in the very near future our need to upgrade to the Big Berkey.

Here is a rundown of Berkey's you should consider.

1. The versatile <u>Big Berkey® system</u> is the ideal system for use at home with small or medium sized families, travel, outdoor activities or during unexpected emergencies.



This powerful system purifies both treated water and untreated raw water from such sources as remote lakes, streams, stagnant ponds and water supplies in foreign countries, where regulations may be substandard at best. This system is great for families of four.

Perfect for everyday use, outdoor activities and a must in hostile environments where electricity, water pressure or treated water may not be available.

2. The <u>Travel Berkey system</u> purifies both treated water and untreated raw water from such sources as remote lakes, streams, stagnant ponds and water supplies in foreign countries, where regulations may be substandard at best.

Perfect for outdoor activities and a must in hostile environments where electricity, water pressure or treated water may not be available. It is great for families of two.



3. <u>Berkey LightTM Gravity Water Purifier</u> – Without LED's, the Berkey LightTM Purification System provides reliable, user friendly, powerful yet economical water purification while enhancing the ambience of any environment.

This system comes complete with a base and two (2) Black Berkey® purification elements.

The Berkey LightTM system is designed for use during travel, outdoor activities and during unexpected emergencies.



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Perfect for outdoor activities and a must in hostile environments where electricity, water pressure or treated water may not be available.

The shatter resistant and virtually unbreakable Berkey LightTM system is made of high impact strength, non BPA copolyester.

The Berkey LightTM system does not leach foul tasting plasticizers into your water and will not retain foul tastes and odors from waterborne contaminants. As the system purifies water, it produces the delightful and relaxing sound of falling raindrops.

4. The versatile <u>Royal Berkey® system</u> is the ideal system for use at home with large families, travel, outdoor activities or during unexpected emergencies.

This powerful system purifies both treated water and untreated raw water from such sources as remote lakes, streams, stagnant ponds and water supplies in foreign countries, where regulations may be substandard at best.



Perfect for outdoor activities and a must in hostile environments where electricity, water pressure or treated water may not be available.

5. <u>Go Berkey® Kit</u> – Gravity Water Purifier with 1 Black Berkey® Purification Element, Generic Sport Berkey® Portable Water Purifier and vinyl carry case.

The Go Berkey® system removes viruses, pathogenic bacteria, cysts and parasites and extracts harmful chemicals such as herbicides, pesticides, VOCs, organic solvents, radon 222 and trihalomethanes.

It also reduces unhealthy heavy metals such as lead and mercury. This system is so powerful it can remove food coloring from water without removing the beneficial minerals your body needs. Virtually no other system can duplicate this performance.

6. <u>Generic Sport Berkey®</u> Portable Water Purifier bottle is the ideal personal protection traveling companion - featuring the IONIC ADSORPTION MICRO FILTRATION SYSTEM.

The theory behind this innovation is simple.

The bottle's filter is designed to remove and/or dramatically reduce a vast array of health-threatening contaminants from questionable sources of water, including remote lakes and streams, stagnant ponds and water supplies in foreign countries where regulations may be sub-standard at best.



Other Berkey Water Filters You May Be Interested In

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