

**The following is a skeleton of the talk I give every Saturday and Sunday at the Oregon State University Hatfield Marine Science Center. I flesh out this skeleton during the verbal presentation.**

**I plan to make a video of this talk during January 2014.**

## **HOW TO FIND POTABLE WATER**

1. My first suggestion is humans should assume that all types of fresh water are UNSAFE to drink until proven otherwise!
2. Never drink water with an oil slick floating on the surface.
3. Never drink highly colored water.
4. Do not rely on waters that wild animals drink.
5. Never drink from an alkali water source.
6. Be dubious of any filtered water.
7. Do not drink undiluted seawater.
8. Boil water before you drink it, and do not forget your hot water tank has gallons of safe water in it.
9. Chlorinate and/or irradiate (UV) your drinking water.
10. Drink distilled water if you can get it. You can make your own.
11. Beers, wines, vinegars, kefir and other fermented foods and drinks are safe because the alcohols and acids kill most microorganisms.
12. My most reasonable suggestion is to weigh your available options, and drink the best water you can.
13. My most unreasonable suggestion is do not drink any form of water at all. In two to three days, it will not matter to you.

**There are many excellent how-to-do-it articles on making stills, etc. in [The Mother Earth News](#), in [Instructables.com](#), and in [Google Search](#).**

I will be happy to answer any questions, to the best of my ability, and to provide you with more information on Potable Water. fgduerr@gmail.com