

## Cleaning The Black Berkey Purification Filter

**Precaution:** While this system can effectively purify untreated pond or river water, always use the cleanest, clearest source possible when cleaning the filters. As an additional precaution if using water that may contain bacteria or viral contamination, add sixteen drops of household bleach to every gallon of water being used. Filter the water through your Berkey system then add another sixteen drops of household bleach or iodine for every gallon of water being used to clean the elements.

### Cleaning Instructions for Household Use

Cleanliness is very important. Do not allow contaminated water to enter the core of the filtering element. This can be prevented by placing your finger over the hole where the water exits the filter.



1. Empty all of the water from your Berkey system.
2. Remove the top container and set it on its side on a solid surface like a table or countertop.
3. Remove the filters by unscrewing the wing nut that secure the element to the container.
4. Hold the filter under running water, with the exit hole pointed up.
5. Using a new 3M scotch Brite pad carefully scrub the Black surface of the filter element for several minutes.
6. If water being used may contain harmful bacteria or other contaminants at this time you should submerge the entire filter into water containing the bleach solution as described above.
7. Set the filters aside and wash your hands.
8. Reassemble the unit.