



## HOW TO CHOOSE A WATER FILTER

# QUICK

# TIPS



HELPFUL  
TIPS  
TO GET  
THE  
MOST  
OUT OF  
YOUR  
WATER FILTER  
PURCHASE



# THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT WATER FILTERS OUT THERE AND CHOOSING THE RIGHT ONE CAN BE TRICKY. HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER WHEN YOU CHOOSE THE ONE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU:

**Here's a brief overview to help clean up the confusion surrounding which type of water-treatment system is right for you.**

1. Remember the difference between a filter and a purifier. While both remove bacteria from water particles using a mechanical process of pumping then forcing water through a filtering device, only purifiers can render viruses inactive using either an additional chemical or electrostatic process.
2. Waterborne viruses are uncommon in North America wilderness waters. But if you're traveling outside of the United States or Canada, you may want to opt for the more involved, and hence perhaps more expensive, purifying system.
3. Depending on its function, a water-treatment system can have numerous parts, some of which will need to be maintained or replaced on a regular basis. If your travel plans include many nights away from a reliable water source, you will not only have to pack the filter but the back-up and replacement parts that go with it.
4. And finally, to get the cleanest water possible be sure to clean and dry your filtering system regularly. When in the outdoors, try to collect clear water, as opposed to silty or murky water.

**Are you likely to travel outside North America?  
Yes, then buy a Purifier. No, then all you need is a filter.**