

HIGH COUNTRY FILTERING BAG

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reduces virus, arsenic and fluoride
0.2 micron filter

Parts

The High Country Filtering Bag consists of the following:

1. 4 gallon bag with cord hangers
2. 2x10 ceramic filter(.2 micron)
3. Pre-filter sock
4. 2 washers
5. 90 degree elbow
6. Vinyl supply tube
7. Velcro strip

Assembly instructions

Before using the High Country Filtering Bag, turn the bag inside out and let it hang in the sun for at least one day. This is done to let the bag air out so the heavy vinyl smell will dissipate. If this is not done the first 4 or 5 bags of water will have the vinyl taste. It will begin to disappear as the bag is used and water is filtered.

1. Remove the wing nut and the donut washer from the filter.
2. Insert the filter into the sock.
3. Open the bag and you will see a loop in the bottom of the bag. The filter and sock are inserted through the loop. This is done to prevent the filter from floating upward as the bag is filled with water.
4. Place the large washer on the filter, flat side towards the base.
5. Insert the stem of the filter through the opening in the side of the bag.
6. Attach the donut washer.
7. Screw on the elbow until it is tight against the washer and the barbed end is pointing downwards.
8. Attach the tubing.
9. The Velcro strip can be wrapped around one of the hanging cords to prevent it from being lost.

Filling Instructions

1. Hang the bag by the cords that are attached to the bag.
2. Fill the bag with approximately 4 gallons of water.
3. Place the supply tube into a container that will hold the filtered water.

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4. After several minutes water will begin to flow through the filter and into the container. There might be some small bits of charcoal with this first batch of filtered water. This is normal and it will not hurt you. You can re-filter this water.
5. Once the filter is completely saturated with water you should be able to filter approximately 60 gallons a day.

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) When the flow rate of the filter decreases, this would indicate that the sock and the filter might need to be cleaned.
- 2) Using rubber gloves remove the sock and filter from the bag and rinse the sock in clean water.
- 3) As the filter is used and is in contact with dirty water the white ceramic shell will become stained and the pores of the clay will become clogged with particulates.
- 4) Using a Scotch-Brite pad (green scrub pad) or anything that is slightly abrasive, **GENTLY** rub the surface of the filter. This will remove some of the stain and the dirt.
- 5) Rinse with clean water.
- 6) Reassemble the filter unit and fill it with water.

When removing or installing the filter be careful to not get any contaminated water in the stem of the filter.

If possible, wear gloves when cleaning the filtering bag—if not then wash your hands with soap and water.

IMPORTANT

The ceramic shell, which is filtering out the bacteria, will last between 1-2 years. Replacing the filter depends upon the flow rate. If the flow rate is very slow even after cleaning the filter, it should be replaced.

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