

Safe preparation of infant formula from liquid concentrate

Sanitize feeding equipment

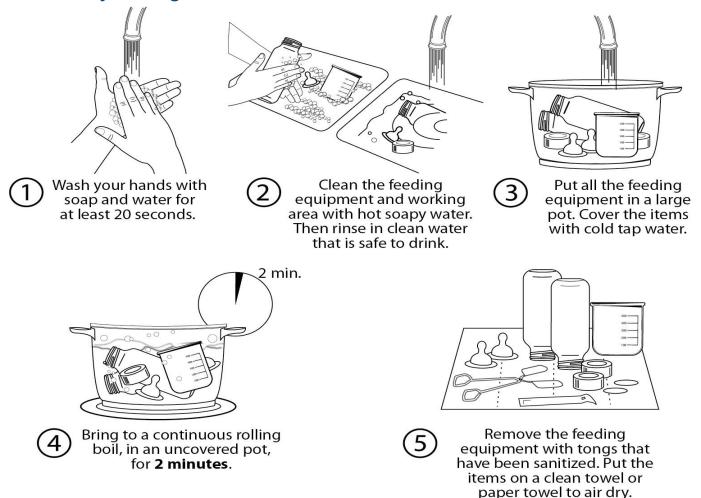
Sanitize equipment until your baby is 4 months old. After baby is 4 months old, make sure the equipment is cleaned well with hot soapy water and rinsed with clean water that is safe to drink.

Sanitize feeding equipment before use. Feeding equipment is not fully sanitized until it has been boiled or sanitized in a dishwasher with the sanitize cycle or sanitized in a steam sanitizer.

You will need bottles and nipples, can opener, dishsoap, liquid measuring cup, liquid infant formula concentrate, and sanitized tongs.

If you don't use the sanitized bottles right away, wait until they are completely dry and then fully assemble them so the inside stays clean. Store all feeding equipment in a clean, protected area.

Sanitize by boiling



Sanitize by dishwasher or steam sanitizer

A dishwasher with the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) symbol can be used to sanitize the feeding equipment if the sanitize cycle is used. You can check online to see if the dishwasher is NSF certified. You can also use an electric or microwave steam sanitizer (including microwave steam bags). Follow the instructions for the sanitizer you use.

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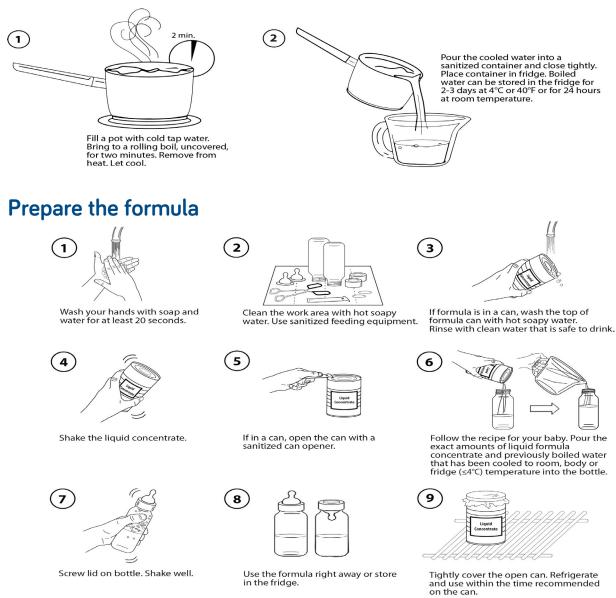
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All water used to prepare infant formula for babies under 4 months old needs to be boiled to make it safe. After baby is 4 months old, use clean water that is safe to drink.

Prepare the formula using the steps below. Use infant formula within 2 hours of preparation. If you do not plan to use the formula immediately after preparation, store the bottle in the fridge and use within 24 hours.

Throw away any leftover formula from the feed—don't re-heat or re-refrigerate used formula. After 2 hours, your baby's saliva in the leftover formula can create growth of bacteria that can make your baby sick.

Boil the water



Optional: Warm the formula. Never use a microwave to heat formula. If heating the bottle to feed your baby, put it in a bowl of warm water until it reaches a warm temperature, for no longer than 15 minutes. Do not cover the lid/nipple with water when warming as this can lead to contamination of the formula. Gently shake or swirl formula to mix. Test the formula on your wrist to make sure it's just warm, not hot.

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