SAWYER FILTER CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS
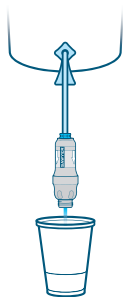
For best results, clean your filter on a daily basis. Regularly clean the white cap and your buckets/containers with soap or bleach.

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BACKWASHING WITH CLEANING PLUNGER
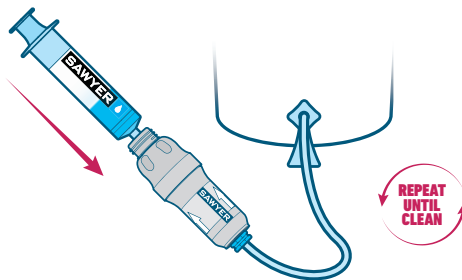
STEP 1
Reserve a quart of clean water.

STEP 2
Fill the cleaning plunger with clean water.

STEP 3
Make sure the bucket is empty. With the filter still attached to the hose, forcefully backwash back into the bucket a couple of times then dispose of the water.

REPEAT UNTIL CLEAN

BACKWASHING WITH CLEANING COUPLING

STEP 1
Fill a bottle that fits the cleaning coupling with clean, filtered water.

STEP 2
Thread cleaning coupling onto the filter threads.

STEP 3
Make sure the bucket is empty. Screw the filter with the attached coupling onto the plastic bottle.

STEP 4
Squeeze forcefully and repeat as necessary until the filter is clean. Then dispose of water.

REPEAT UNTIL CLEAN

ADDITIONAL CLEANING TIPS
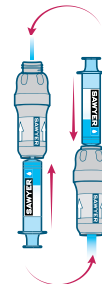### WHEN FILTER IS STILL CLOGGED AFTER STANDARD BACKWASHING

STEP 1
Remove the white cap and disconnect the filter from the hose.

STEP 2
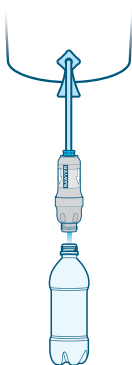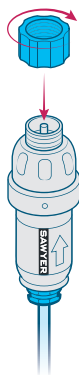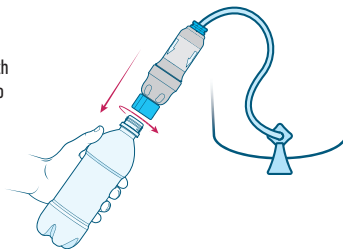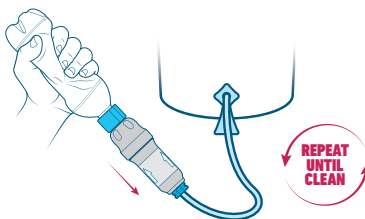Fill the cleaning plunger and push water forwards through the filter to loosen up any dirt.

Repeat backwashing (forwards and backwards) until filter is fully cleaned.

SANITATION
Sawyer recommends occasionally sanitizing your filter. To do this, backwash the filter with a standard bleach solution (fragrance free and no more than one cap of bleach per quart of water). Let air dry and in a cool dry place before using.

CLOGGED FILTERS
If your filter is still flowing slow after backwashing, soak the filter in hot clean water (not hotter than you can put your hand into) for about an hour and then back flush using hot clean water. REMEMBER to backwash FORCEFULLY! When using the syringe, do not be gentle, it will only form paths of least resistance instead of blowing out the particulates that may be trapped in your filter.

CALCIUM BUILD UP
If after above steps your filter still seems to be clogged, it could be dried calcium. Soak the filter in vinegar for 1/2 hour and then flush with hot clean (not hotter than you can put your hand into) water. Repeat until the flow is restored – it may take several times.