

# Ensure Fresh, Pure Water for Your Bird

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How many days do you think your bird can last without water? A week?

Maybe two? Truth is, after just three days of water deprivation, a bird will be near death. But, having water available isn't the only issue – the water must be fresh and pure, and the container clean.

## change water and clean containers daily

Birds drink water every day. But, if there's food, fecal matter, or debris floating around in their water bowl, they may be drinking a dangerous bacteria soup. Change the water and clean the water dish each day, so you can ensure your bird gets a healthy source of fresh water on a daily basis.

## consider the source

In choosing a water source, unchlorinated water is best. You may wish to consider using bottled spring water. However, if you'd rather use tap water, it's important to have the water professionally tested as some tap water may have elevated coliform counts, which can cause disease in birds. Another alternative would be using a water filter to purify the water.

## WE RECOMMEND

### [Glass Water Bottle](#)

is a great way to prevent food and fecal matter from fouling your bird's water.

### [Stainless Steel Cage Cups](#)

do not harbor bacteria and are easy to sterilize.

### [Bottle and Tube Brush](#)

simplifies the cleaning of bottles, drinking tubes, and other hard to reach spots.

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