

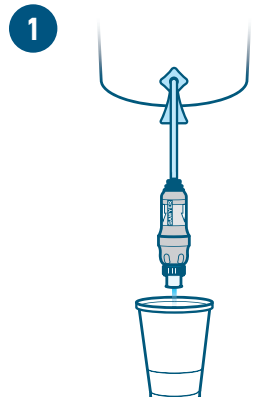
# CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS SAWYER FILTERS

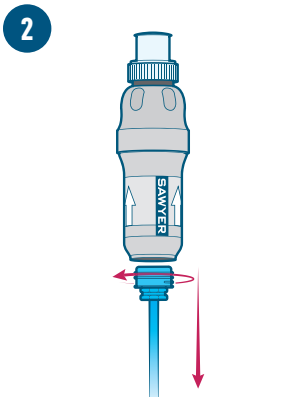
For best results, clean your filter on a daily basis. Regularly clean the white push-pull cap and your buckets/containers with soap or bleach.

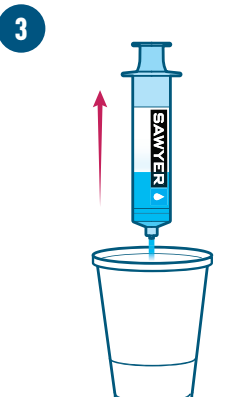


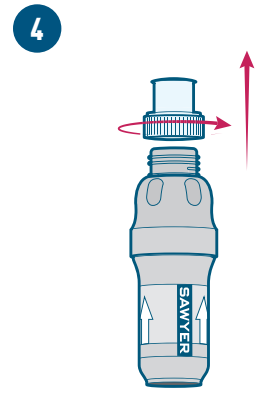
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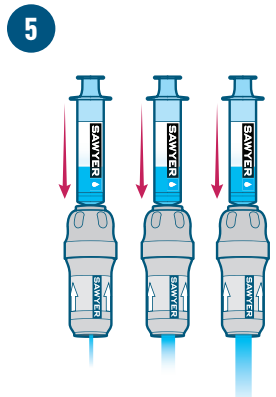
## BACKWASHING WITH THE CLEANING PLUNGER

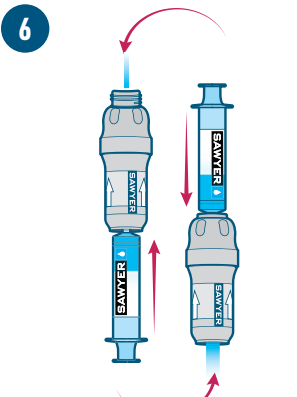
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1 Reserve a quart of clean water.
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2 Disconnect the filter from the hose.
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3 Fill the cleaning plunger with clean water.
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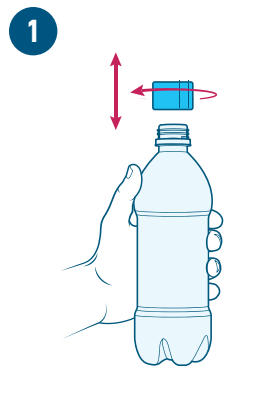
4 Remove the white push pull cap and place the cleaning plunger on the output end of the filter.
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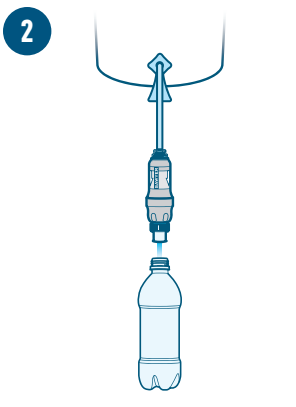
5 Forcefully backwash the filter a couple times with clean water.
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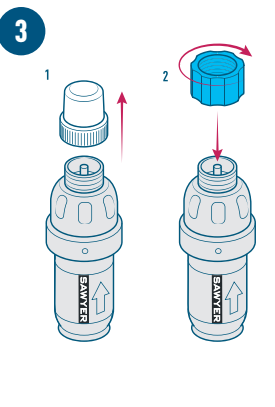
6 Fill the cleaning plunger and push water forwards through the filter to loosen up any dirt.

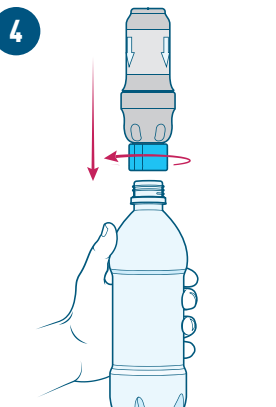
Repeat backwashing (forwards and backwards) until filter is fully cleaned.

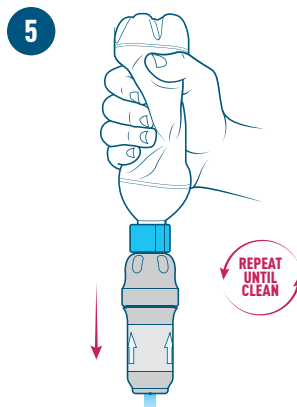
## BACKWASHING WITH THE CLEANING COUPLING

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1 Find a clean plastic bottle that will thread onto the cleaning coupling.
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2 Fill the bottle with clean, filtered water.
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3 Remove the push pull cap and screw the coupling onto the filter threads.
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4 Screw the filter with the attached coupling onto the plastic bottle.
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5 Squeeze forcefully and repeat as necessary until the filter is clean.

## MORE CLEANING TIPS

### 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.