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# **Drinking Water For Flood Victims**

Two tanker trucks, each capable IWT), bound for Des Moines, Iowa. vendors. The tankers are the first elements of without drinking water

transport water to Des Moines from ing wate per minute. nearby municipalities. "Initially, the

supply the National Guard with its personnel in the aftermath o

Hurricane Andrew's destruction industry of holding 4,500 gallons of drinking in Florida. The water treatment unit water, leave this week from United was built by employees who donated States Filter Corporation's Illino s their labor, using materials donated Water Treatment facility (U.S. Filter/ by U.S. Filter/IWT and some of its key that Mississippi River community,

The reverse osmosis (RO) system aid that the water purification com- uses hydraulic pressures to force wapany is providing to Iowa's capital ter through a semipermeable mem- U.S. Filter designs and manufactures city, where damage to a water treat- brane to remove contaminants. The ment plant has left 250,000 people skid-mounted unit will continually take in river or brackish water and The tanker trucks will be used to pump out up to five gallons of drink- ment industries. The company's prod-

"The U.S. Filter/IWT Disaster trucks will be there for two weeks, but Relief RO unit saves the time and cost of water for municipal uses and induswe may extend that, depending on the of hauling water," said Richard trial processes, as well as for the treatneed," said Terry Hatfield, manufac- Heckmann, U.S. Filter chief executuring manager at U.S. Filte /IWT, tive officer. "The unit can be shipped recycling or discharge. who has been coordinating relief ef- to a central distribution site where it forts with the Iowa National Guard. will take in flood waters and provid a has corporate offices in Palm Desert, The company is also arranging to continuous flow of drinking water.

"This unit and the contributions Disaster Relief Reverse Osmosis unit, are part of our commitment to providfree of charge, for on-site water puri- ing and maintaining clean water Redmond, Wash.; Rockford; Tarbes, fication. The water treatment unit was throughout the world," Heckmann France; Warren, N.J.; Warrendale, designed and built by U.S. Filter/IWT said. U.S. Filter is one of the largest Pa.; a d Whittier, Calif. U.S. companies in the water treatment

U.S. Filter's facility in Davenport, Iowa, has not been affected by the flood waters which have crippled except that many employees have to take alternative routes to work.

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for the filtration and purification ment of wastewater effluent before

Established in 1953, U.S. Filter Calif., with manufacturing and processing facilities located in Davenport; Minneapolis; Marlboro, N.J.;

# **Prepare For A Disaster** With Your Camping Gear

in the garage could be the key to a monoxide poisoning." household disaster plans, says a Stanford University emergency medicine physician.

Dr. Ricardo Martinez, assistant professor of surgery/emergency medicine, says that a variety of home service disruptions, ranging from power failures to earthquakes can be eased with the same gear and supplies that the family dusts off each summer for a day or two or a week at a campsite.

"Particularly if you have young children, you'll want to be able to provide warm meals quickly in the event of a power failure. And that gas stove that works so well in the mountains or by the lake will do just as fine a job at home. Just be sure to use it outside the house in a well-ventilated

That camping equipment sitting area to avoid the possibility of carbon yearly (use the old water on your lawn

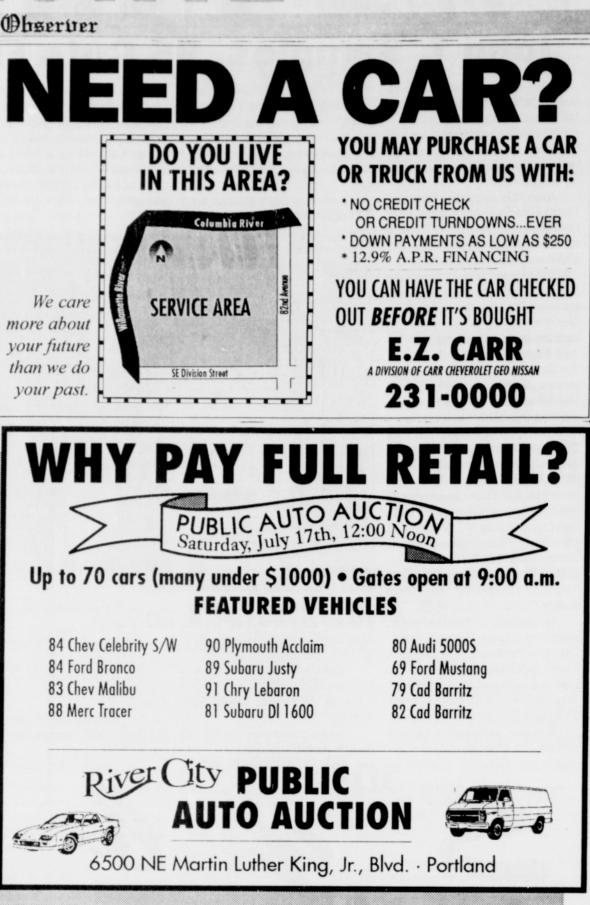
such as an earthquake, a supply of get that water purification kit used for freeze-dried food-check the expira- camping or backpacking can be used tion date for freshness-can serve as a at home if the water quality there tasty supplement to the week or two of becomes compromised, he notes. canned goods or other supplies that it house. (Don't forget to rotate the tains, seashore or lakefront, should be freshness.)

Not part of the regular camping gear but a wise item to keep in the with a supply of matches kept with the garage-perhaps near the camping gear- camping gear can fight darkness after is a plastic drum of fresh water in case a power failure. Remember to store regular supplies are depleted or plumb- gas and kerosene in properly sealed ing breaks down. Emergency water containers which should be kept away drums may be purchased commer- from direct sunlight, electricity or cially, and Martinez cautions that they extreme heat. should be drained approximately

if you have one) and the water re-In the event of a major disaster, placed to ensure freshness. Don't for-

The same first kit you throw into is wise to keep in storage around the the car before leaving for the mouncanned goods every few months for stocked and ready for the home emergency as well, Martinez suggests.

Lanterns and flashlights, along



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