

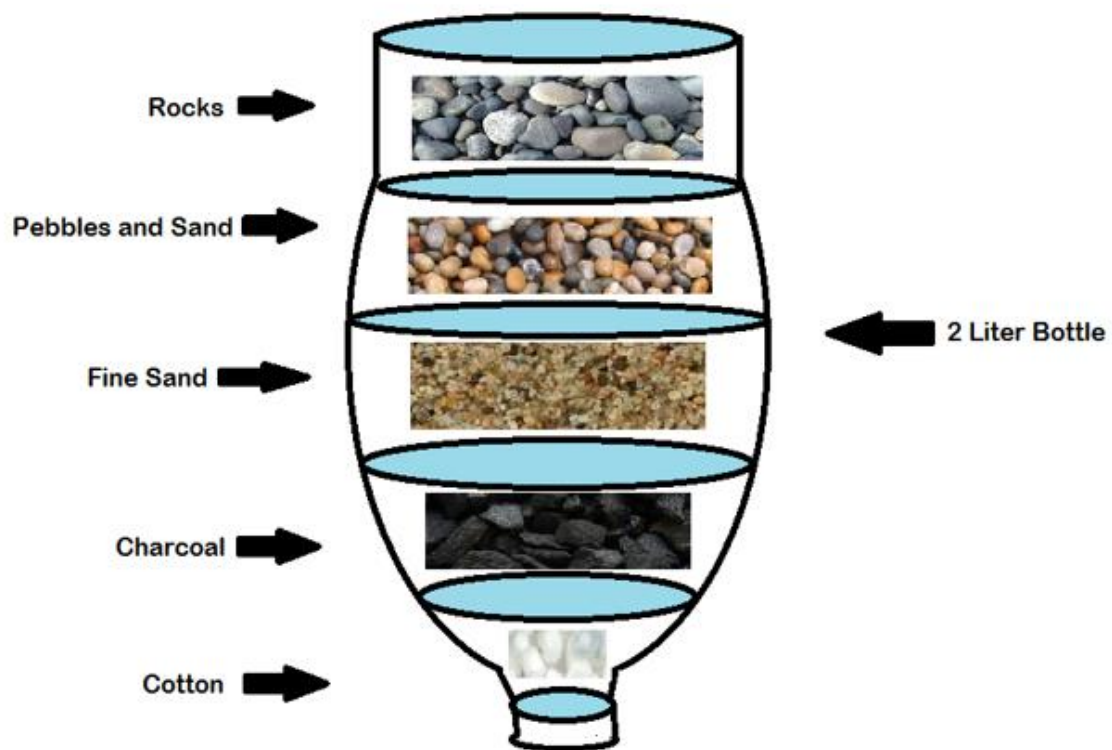
## How to make a 2L Water Bottle Filter

If you plan to cook, bathe or stay hydrated when SHTF, learning to properly filter your water should be right on the top of your priority list. Here's one way to accomplish that goal.

### Supplies:

- 2L Bottle
- Coffee Filters
- Charcoal (activated or the homemade variety)
- Pebbles (Fish rocks, for example)
- Rocks (about the size of a golf ball)
- Cotton Balls (or squares)
- Sand (no colors, just pure sand)

Here's what it should look like (or close to it) when you're done:



**Step 1:** Cut off the bottom of the 2L Bottle. You want to cleave off about 2 inches.



**Step 2:** Leave the cap on and position the bottle upright. I used an old Mason jar for this.



**Step 3:** Stuff cotton balls or squares (or whatever type of cotton you have) all the way to the bottom. This helps prevent bits of charcoal from escaping into your clean water.



**Step 4:** Now, stuff a coffee filter all the way to the bottom. If you don't have coffee filters, it's not the end of the world. I just prefer to add the extra layer to my filters.



**Step 5:** Add a GENEROUS layer of charcoal or about 2-3 inches. This is the step that handles the heavy lifting. You can use the homemade variety of charcoal to filter your water or go buy activated charcoal. DO NOT use "grill" charcoal as this contains many, MANY chemicals that can be fatal. If you don't know how to make charcoal, click [here](#) to watch the video. (It's really, REALLY easy to do.) Top it off with another coffee filter for the next step.



**Step 6:** Add a generous layer of pebbles (around 1-2 inches). You can use fish rocks or even clay cat litter (pure clay, no additives – be sure that it's JUST clay). Top it off with another coffee filter for the next step.



**Step 7:** OPTIONAL. Add a layer of HEALTHY, green grass. Chlorophyll is naturally bacteriostatic. This is why your cat eats it when they have an upset stomach. Top it off with a coffee filter for the next step.



**Step 8:** Add a layer of LARGE rocks (about the size of golf balls).



**Step 9:** You're done! Filter your water. It doesn't hurt to boil particularly dirty water first – the filter helps pull out the leftovers.

