



# How to boil water

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## The Backstory

*My father always went deer hunting in New Hampshire with his best friend, Stuie. They made a big deal out of going out early on the first day of hunting season, before hoards of amateurs scared off all the deer. On these momentous occasions, one of them had to cook breakfast. I think they alternated years.*

*My mother once showed me a note waiting for her one morning, after an early hunters' departure:*

*He burned the eggs, he burned the toast, he burned the bacon. If water was combustible, he would have burned the coffee.*

*Love, Stuie*

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### INGREDIENTS

☞ Tap water

### EQUIPMENT

☞ Pot

### WHAT TO DO

1. Put water in pot.
2. Put pot on stove.
3. Turn on heat under pot.
4. When water forms vigorous bubbles that break the surface of the water and spatter around a bit (aka "rolling boil"), turn off the stove and serve.

### RESULTS

You'd think no one could screw this up, right?