

Re: Katrina

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"Neal" <nbrown12@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> The thing that bothers me a great deal is that with all the
> trashed out lumber around, why people don't build fires on the
> asphalt and use any kind of container to boil water. The water
> probably wouldn't taste very good, but if it were boiled, it
> probably would be safe to drink.

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Unfortunately, few people have the sort of survival skills for that approach. For every one of us who has a survival kit with firemaking tools, water purification tablets and filters, basic tools, etc., there are hundreds who don't and who wouldn't know how to use it if they did.

Another problem with the water is chemical contamination. Look at the aerial photos and notice the colored sheen on the water ... it's oil and gasoline that has seeped from wrecked cars, and chemicals from who-knows-where. To make things worse, the temperature there right now is in the 90's with high humidity -- a breeding ground for decay and disease. They need to concentrate on getting all the survivors out of there and then deciding what they can salvage and what needs to be written off. My personal opinion is that N.O. is sited in one of the worst possible locations for a big city, and that it will ultimately be less costly to relocate the entire city elsewhere; if not as one big city, as several smaller ones.

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