



# WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS USING DIFFERENT FILTER METHODS

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## ABSTRACT:

Groundwater typically becomes polluted when rainfall soaks into the ground and comes in contact with buried waste or other sources of contamination, picks up chemicals and carries them into groundwater. Sometimes the volume of a spill or leak is large enough that the chemical itself can reach ground water without help of infiltrating water. Arsenic occurs in many minerals usually in the combination with Sulphur and metals. Zinc is chemically similar to magnesium. According to these two chemicals lead and cadmium plays a major role in ground water due to this groundwater is polluted. Humans affected with several health disorders like reduce in blood cell production and brain damage. In this circumstance by using natural methods, we can clean the groundwater at sub ground level with natural products like corn, coal powder, neem bark, wood activated carbon, alum, rice husk and gravel. By this method we can purify groundwater and control the entering of chemicals into the food chain thus we can control the food borne diseases.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION:

Water purification is the process of removing undesirable chemicals, biological contaminants, suspended solids, and gases from water. The goal is to produce water fit for specific purposes. Most water is purified and disinfected for human consumption. Water

purification may also be carried out for a variety of other purposes, including medical, pharmacological, chemical, and industrial applications. The methods used include physical processes such as filtration, sedimentation, and distillation. The biological processes such as slow sand filters or biologically active carbon. The chemical processes such as flocculation and chlorination and the use of electromagnetic radiations such as ultraviolet lights. Water purification may reduce the concentration of particulate matter including suspended particles, parasites, bacteria, algae, viruses, and fungi as well as reduce the concentration of dissolved and particulate matter.

The standards for drinking water quality are typically set by governments or by international standards. These standards usually include minimum and maximum concentrations of contaminants, depending on the intended use of the water. Visual inspection cannot determine if water is of appropriate quality. Simple procedures such as boiling or the use of a household activated carbon filter are not sufficient for treating all possible contaminants that may be present in water from an unknown source.

Even natural spring water considered safe for all practical purposes in the 19th century must now be tested before determining what kind of treatment, if any, is needed. Chemical and microbiological analysis, while expensive, are the only way to purify the water.

INDUSTRIAL WATER PURIFICATION  
SALINE WATER PURIFICATION  
MUNICIPAL WATER CONSUMPTION  
WASTEWATER CONSUMPTION

**OBJECTIVES OF THIS PROJECT:**

The scope of this project is to study the existing water filtration methods and use the knowledge to design a low cost water filtration technique. This water filtration system will focus on cutting down the cost while maintaining filter effectiveness. By providing affordable water filters for rural and remote areas will greatly improve people's quality of living and reduce the risk of waterborne diseases.

In this project study an appropriate household filters is designed. The initial quality of water is based on natural method process.

- 1) Flyash
- 2) Activated carbon
- 3) Alum
- 4) Sand
- 5) Gravel
- 6) Charcoal
- 7) Neem bark
- 8) Waste sample collected from Sarroon nagartank bund.

**MATERIALS****Fly ash:**

Fly ash, also known as "pulverized fuel ash" in the United Kingdom, is one of the products of coal combustion, composed of the fine particles that are driven out of the boiler with the flue gases.

Ash that falls in the bottom of the boiler is called bottom ash. In modern coal-fired power plants, fly ash is generally captured by electrostatic precipitator or other particle filtration equipment before the flue gases reach the chimneys.

Together with bottom ash removed from the bottom of the boiler, it is known as coal ash. Depending upon the source and makeup of the coal being burned, the components of fly ash vary considerably, but all fly ash includes substantial amounts of silicon dioxide (SiO<sub>2</sub>) (both amorphous and crystalline), aluminium oxide (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) and calcium oxide (CaO),

the main mineral compounds in coal-bearing rock state.

**TYPES OF GRAVELS**

**Bank gravel:** Naturally deposited gravel intermixed with sand or clay found in and next to rivers and streams. Also known as "bank run" or "river run".

**Bench gravel:** A bed of gravel located on the side of a valley above the present stream bottom, indicating the former location of the stream bed when it was at a higher level.

**Creek rock or river rock:** This is generally rounded, semi-polished stones, potentially of a wide range of types that are dredged or scooped from stream beds. It is also often used as concrete aggregate and less often as a paving surface.

**Crushed stone:** Rock crushed and graded by screens and then mixed to a blend of stones and fines. It is widely used as a surfacing for roads and driveways, sometimes with tar applied over it. Crushed Stone may be made from granite, limestone, dolomite, and other rocks. Also known as "Crusher run".

**Fine gravel:** Gravel consisting of particles with a diameter of 2 to 8 mm.

**Stonedust:** Fine, crushed, gravel from the final stage of screen separation, such that the gravel is not separated out from fine dust particles.

**Lag gravel:** A surface accumulation of coarse gravel produced by the removal of finer particles.

**Pay gravel:** Also known as "pay dirt" a nick name for gravel with a high concentration of gold and other precious metals. The metals are recovered through gold panning.

**Pea gravel:** Also known as "pea shingle" is gravel that consists of small, rounded stones used in concrete surfaces. Also used for walkways, driveways and as a substrate in home aquariums.

**Piedmont gravel:** A coarse gravel carried down from high places by mountain streams and deposited on relatively flat ground, where the water runs more slowly.

**Plateau gravel:** A layer of gravel on a plateau or other region above the height at which stream-terrace gravel is usually found.

**METHODOLOGY****PLAN OF WORK:**

Plan of my work is identifying the good irrigated

land and check that land is suitable for ground

Sample (purified water)	pH	Turbidity (NTU)	Arsenic (µg/l)	Zinc (µg/l)	Lead (µg/l)	Cadmium (µg/l)
Tap Water	6	4	7	5	9	5
Ground Water	7	4	5	1	13	8
Surface Water	6	3	5	1	6	4

water cleaning by some methods. If that land is a black soil land it is not completely good for the groundwater cleaning process, and if that land is a sand soil it is also, not good for the groundwater cleaning process because these two types of lands are not having the good capacity to hold the water. A suitable irrigated land, 10 cement rings, sand, small gravels, cast iron turnings, wood activated carbon, alum oxidation zone, neem bark, rice husk, ash are required. The first step

Sample (un Purified water)	pH	Turbidity (NTU)	Arsenic (µg/l)	Zinc (µg/l)	Lead (µg/l)	Cadmium (µg/l)
Tap Water	9	10	12	15	11	19
Ground Water	10	13	13	12	19	12
Surface Water	9	11	11	16	16	8

is to select the land and dig the well with 10 feet's depth. In the second step arrange the cement rings one by one without gaps. In the first layer spread the sand and gravel, along with the alum. In the next layer spread the sand, charcoal and wood activated carbon. In the third layer add the neem bark and rice husk along with the sand in the next level treat the water in oxidation zone. In the fourth step give connections to another empty well. In the fifth step collect the groundwater by bore well and give connection to the newly formed well

which is filled with sand mainly by filtration, sedimentation, precipitation, oxidation-reduction, sorption-desorption, ion-exchange and biodegradation.

**WATER POLLUTION:**

Polluted ground water is less visible, but more difficult to cleanup, than pollution in rivers and lakes. Groundwater pollution most often results from improper disposal of wastes on land. Major sources include industrial and household chemicals and garbage landfills, industrial waste lagoons, tailings and process wastewater from mines, oil field brine pits, leaking underground oil storage tanks and pipelines, sewage sludge and septic systems. Polluted ground water is mapped by sampling soils and ground water near suspected or known sources of pollution, to determine the extent of the pollution, and to aid in the design of groundwater remediation systems. Preventing groundwater pollution near potential sources such as landfills requires lining the bottom of a landfill with watertight materials, collecting any leachate with drains, and keeping rainwater off any potential contaminants, along with regular monitoring of nearby groundwater to verify that contaminants have not leaked into the groundwater. Groundwater pollution, from pollutants released to the ground that can work their way down into groundwater, can create a contaminant plume within an aquifer. Pollution can occur from landfills, naturally occurring arsenic, on-site sanitation systems or other point sources, such as petrol stations with leaking underground storage tanks, or leaking sewers. Movement of water and dispersion within the aquifer spreads the pollutant over a wider area, its advancing boundary often called a plume edge. Which

can then intersect with groundwater wells or daylight into surface water such as seeps and springs, making the water supplies unsafe for humans.

Unpurified water  
Purified water

**CONCLUSION:**

The groundwater is cleaned by natural methods. The heavy metals in the unpurified

water are decreased after this process. Foodborne diseases can be reduced. Fly Ash is effective in maintaining the Acidity, Alkalinity, and removing the Turbidity, and fluoride.

Hence Fly Ash is the good Adsorbent.

The filtration capacity of the filter can be improved by adding 0.0001 $\mu$  filter paper.

It can also be concluded that the filter designed is effective in removing many water quality parameters without consuming any power and wasting water unlike in reverse osmosis technologies.

In these natural projective all are concluding that Musi of SAROORNAGR waste sample of pH is 7.

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