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## Utilize Solar Energy to Purify and Desalinate Water

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## **Design Objectives:**

- 1. Purify and filter 2 gallons of water per day
- 2. Must Operate renewably
- 3. Will not require regular replacement of parts or materials
- 4. Constructed from post-consumer products





- Prototype utilize post-consumer products: Fresnel lens from used rear projection TV, exhaust pipe for boiling chamber, cleaned paint can for condenser, and water jugs
- Prototype is set up to operate for 8 hours throughout the middle of the day
- Product is readily available to ship in packaged form for disaster relief situations. Twenty seven fully constructed products can fit in a standard shipping container
- Assembly time from packed to unpacked is achievable in less than 2 minutes
- Once assembled, product equipped with solar tracking will follow sun throughout the day, requiring no manual work





- Necessary to avoid critical heat flux in boiling chamber
- Use of infrared camera to determine optimal focal point
- Material selection to ensure efficient heat transfer

## **Solar Tracking**





- Motorized movement to lift and lower lens as well as rotate 360 degrees
- Every orientation in space is possible to achieve a full hemisphere