Under IHL, water is considered as an object indispensable for the survival of the civilian population.

See also Civilian objects [1]; Environment [2];

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**prohibited to poison**

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**for POWs, internees and civilian population**

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