First use

- **Step 1:** When you receive the charcoals, they'll be dusty. This isn't a big deal if you're putting them in a bath or placing them in your fridge, but since we're purifying water with them, we're going to start by rinsing and brushing off the excess ash.
- **Step 2:** Transfer the charcoals to a pot of water and boil for 10 minutes. Drain the water and allow the charcoals to cool completely.
- **Step 3:** Fill your container with water and place the cooled charcoal inside. Allow the two to sit for several hours; about 2-3 hours. During this time the charcoal will absorb the impurities in the water.
- **Step 4:** Feel free to leave the charcoal in the container and refill it when you're low on water. The charcoal will work for 2 to 3 weeks until it needs to be refreshed.
- **Step 5:** Refreshing the charcoal is super easy. Simply boil it for 10 minutes and it's good to go.

The Binchotan is effective for one to three months if you use it daily. After a month, or when you notice that the surface becomes dull and gray, it's time to replace it.

If the Binchotan breaks, don't worry, it does not lose its purifying properties! You can continue to use it in several pieces.

What to do with the old binchotan?

It is an excellent fertilizer! Reduce it into crumbs and mix it with your compost, it will bring him nutrients and regulate the ph.