Cleaning the Airstream fresh water system

Whether you drink water from your fresh water holding tank or not, the entire fresh water system should be sterilized and cleaned at least once a year. The procedure is easy and doesn't require any specialized tools.

[Optional first step] Pour some bicarbonate of soda into the filler spout with several gallons of water. Let stand for 4 hours and flush.

To sanitize the system, mix 3.9 oz bleach to a full tank of water (0.13 X total gals. fresh H2O cap. = oz. of household bleach). Run each of the faucets (including the shower head) until you can smell bleach. If you have a water filtration system, check the Owner's Manual before running the bleached water through it.

Let the water stand in the system 3-4 hours, or double the formula for a one-hour standing time. Drain and flush.

If bleach taste or odor remains, rinse system with a vinegar water solution of 1 quart of vinegar to 5 gallons of water. Flush and refill with clean water.