

Flooding in Homes

If a person must come into contact with the flood water they should take the following general precautions:

- Keep flood water out of mouth, eyes, and nose.
- If exposure to flood water occurs, wash exposed areas thoroughly with soap and water.
- Health care providers should be contacted if an individual becomes ill with fever, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea after exposure to possibly contaminated flood water.
- Buildings and home should be pumped out and disinfected.
- Sewage should be disposed of in a functioning sewage disposal system or sealed in plastic bags for ultimate disposal in an approved landfill.
- All flooded floor and wall surfaces should be washed and sanitized with a solution of two capfuls of household bleach for each gallon of water (1 part bleach, 10 parts water)
- Any household articles affected by flood water should be washed with the same solution.
- Carpeting, mattresses and upholstered furniture should be disposed of or cleaned and disinfected by a professional cleaner.
- Throw away food and do not eat food that has come in contact with flood waters.