



Flood Cleanup Steps

If you experience home or basement flooding after heavy rain or severe weather, be sure to take the following steps to clean up your home:

1. Contact your private insurance to learn about your coverage.
2. Take photographs of flooded area, structural damage, personal property damage, where water is entering the building.
3. Create an inventory list of damaged property.
4. Dry out your home by opening doors, windows, cabinet & closet doors. Use fans and de-humidifiers to lower moisture.
5. Sort contents & discard waste according to your jurisdiction's trash collection guidelines.
6. Clean & disinfect all parts of home impacted by flood waters-walls, floors, closets, shelves, contents.



Flood Cleanup Safety

- Always remember to wear personal protective gear (rubber boots, rubber gloves, and goggles) during cleanup.
- Throw away items that cannot be washed or disinfected (mattresses, carpeting, carpet padding, upholstered furniture, cosmetics, stuffed animals, pillows, books, paper products, etc.)
- Remove/discard drywall and insulation that has been contaminated with sewage or flood water.
- Help the drying process by using fans, AC units, and dehumidifiers.
- Throw out all food, beverages, and medicine exposed to floodwater. This includes canned goods, plastic utensils, and containers with food/liquid that has been sealed shut.
- Do not use water you suspect is contaminated to wash dishes, brush your teeth, bath, wash and prepare food, or wash your hands.

