



FLOOD FACTS: Cleaning Up



**After a flood, get your house back in order.
But don't move back in until everything is clean and dry.**

Electricity



Shut off power before going back in house.

Make sure main electrical panel is cleaned, dried and tested by a qualified electrician.

Never use flood-damaged appliances until electrical components are cleaned, dried and tested.

Get advice from a qualified electrician or your power supplier.

General Cleaning Tips:



Clean and disinfect flooded areas of the house:

- Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves and goggles
- Keep children/pets away until cleanup is done

Clean hard surfaces (like walls, floors, furniture) with mix of hot water and household cleaning soap.

Wash soft fabric items (like linen, clothing, soft furnishings) in hot wash (or follow detergent product recommendations). Dry clean items that cannot go in washing machine.



Throw out items that cannot be washed/disinfected (like mattresses, carpet, books, etc.).



Rip/throw out drywall and insulation damaged by sewage or flood waters.

Let items dry thoroughly after cleaning:

Fans, air conditioners, heaters and dehumidifiers can help with drying, but use carefully. Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Never use gas-powered equipment indoors without proper ventilation



Wash clothes worn during clean-up in hot water and detergent. Wash separately from other clothes/linens.