



Think Health and Safety When Reentering Your Home Affected by Flood Water

- Shut off all power and gas to avoid fire, electrocution and explosions (use battery powered lighting to avoid flames that may ignite a fire).
- Be aware of **CARBON MONOXIDE** concerns-never run a generator inside a building!
- Keep hydrated with **SAFE drinking water**
 - *If you have city water supply and under boil water*-heat the water until rolling boil for at least five minutes
 - *If private water supplies affected flooding must be disinfected*-please see cchd.wv.gov for instructions or call the Clay County Health Department 304-587-4269.
- Never buy items from retail establishment that have been exposed to flood waters.
- **When cleaning up the home**
 - **Wear protective clothing** such as rubber boots and gloves. Keep your hands away from your mouth and face after handling flood items. Immediately clean, disinfect and cover all wounds. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before preparing meals, eating, or smoking.
 - All affected floors, walls and ceiling should be hosed down with clean water and scrubbed with brush. After scrubbing, use a brush or broom to apply a disinfecting solution made from four tablespoons laundry bleach per one gallon of clean water
 - Any item such as mattress, playpens and stuffed animals should be **discarded** since they cannot be easily cleaned. Although, most clothing and draperies may be salvaged with commercial cleaning, if possible. If not, items cleaned at home should be washed in hot, soapy water, rinsed in clean water and dried with an automatic clothes dryer or in open air and sunshine.
 - Furniture made of wood, metal, and plastic can usually be salvaged. These items should be cleans with soap and hot water allowed to dry in open-air and sunlight. **Mattresses and stuffed furniture should be discarded** due to they cannot be cleaned and disinfected.
 - Dishes, plates, bowls, pots, pans, and other utensils should be washed in hot, soapy water, then rinsed in clean water and **disinfected by submerging for at least one minute in a solution of one tablespoon of bleach per one gallon of clean water.** Appliances such as refrigerators and stoves, which contain insulation, cannot be easily cleaned, should be discarded, if insulation has been contaminated. Also, if salvaged, be sure that electrical appliances are dry and in good mechanical condition before using.
- If your electric is out for more than 24 hours **discard** food.
- Remember if you have been in flood water that **your immunizations are up to date.** Td and Tdap immunization are available at your county health department.

For continued emergency please call 911 or 304-872-4911