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South Milwaukee

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FLOOD INFORMATION

- Avoid floodwaters; water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline, or raw sewage. Water may also be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Avoid moving water.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- Stay away from downed power lines, and report them to the power company.
- Parents should not allow their children to play in floodwaters!
- **If possible, avoid direct skin contact with floodwater. Use household rubber gloves, wear waterproof boots, and use a mask when utilizing a bleach solution for disinfecting.**

FLOOD CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

- Clean and disinfect everything that got wet. Mud left from floodwater can contain sewage and chemicals. Wash all surfaces with soap and water and disinfect **USING 6 OUNCES OF BLEACH IN 1 GALLON OF WATER.**
- Wash all linens and clothing in **HOT** water, or have them dry cleaned.
- For items that cannot be washed such as furniture or mattresses, allow them to air dry and then spray thoroughly with a disinfectant, or discard.
- Carpets need to be steam cleaned.
- Remove and discard contaminated household materials that cannot be disinfected, like wall coverings, rugs, and drywall.
- Parents, **toys** that have been contaminated by flood water should be washed with soap and water and disinfected **WITH 6 OUNCES OF BLEACH IN 1 GALLON OF WATER.**

FLOOD FOOD SAFETY

- Do not eat any food that may have come in contact with floodwater.
- Discard food without a waterproof container that has come in contact with floodwater.
- Undamaged commercially canned foods can be saved, **REMOVE LABEL, WASH WITH SOAP AND WATER, 6 OUNCES OF BLEACH IN 1 GALLON OF WATER, RELABEL USING A MARKER, BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE EXPIRATION DATE.**
- Food containers with screw-caps, snap-lids, crimped caps, twist caps, flip tops, and home canned goods should be **DISCARDED**, as these cannot be disinfected.

WATER DAMAGE CLEANING COMPANIES

Always be sure to review your Homeowners insurance policy and contact your insurance agent regarding floodwaters or sewage back up in the home.

Agencies that could assist with clean up are listed below for your convenience:

Adelman Restoration Co.	414-777-5647
ServiceMaster Clean- Milwaukee	414-962-9910
Emergency Restoration Specialists	414-571-9977 or 1-877-422-6379
Scott's Multiple Cleaning	414-762-8611
Nelson Clean Care	262-544-4923
Puroclean	262-697-9422 or 262-548-0400

We request that all citizens and businesses call Milwaukee County 2-1-1 to report their storm/flood damage as the 2-1-1 staff will be compiling daily reports of Milwaukee County damages. Cell phone users should call 877-947-2211.

Questions please call South Milwaukee Health Department 768-8055.