

GREEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Last week, Green County had experienced significant flooding. To help you and your loved ones, there are free clean up kits available at the Green County Health Department and Green County Sheriff's Office. The kit includes a bucket, bleach, scrub brushes and rubber gloves. Clean up kits have been donated to the County by the American Red Cross. If you have had water in your basement or any other damage associated with the storms that began on July 19, 2017 please call Green County Emergency Management at 608-328-9470 or 608-328-9416 to report your damages.

Below are clean up guidelines from the Green County Health Department.

Basements

If your basement is flooded with standing water, gradually release 2-3 inches per day. By doing this you will decrease your chances of the basement floor and walls cracking and collapsing.

Once you have all the standing water removed from the basement, check that all electrical hazards have been removed (if you have concerns, contact a building inspector or the utility company).

Damaged or wet flooring, carpeting, furniture, drywall, insulation, books, children's stuffed animals, etc., should be removed and disposed of to prevent mold growth.

Keep watch for any sewage back-up. Avoid water containing human waste. Be sure to thoroughly clean areas where the sewage has been.

Cleaning and Mold

For cleaning, wear an N95 mask (available at a hardware store). Once the damaged material inside the house has been removed, use a solution of 1 cup bleach to 1 gallon of water to thoroughly clean all surfaces touched by flood waters as well as any exhibiting signs of mold. (Note: never mix products containing ammonia—which can be found in many cleaners—with bleach, as a harmful gas will form and can cause serious injury.)

Private Well and Drinking Water

If your private well has flooded, assume it is contaminated. Take the following steps:

- Check the water for cloudiness, color or an unusual smell

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- Find alternative sources of water or use bottled water
- Properly disinfect the private well
- Test water after disinfection

Green County Health Department has well water testing kits available. Please call 608-328-9390 or visit www.greencountyhealth.org for more information.

Available resources for more information:

- Search “Coping with flooding” on the DNR’s website
- www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/flood

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