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Most flood-related deaths and injuries could be avoided if people who come upon areas covered with water followed this simple advice: Turn Around Don't Drown®.

The reason that so many people drown during flooding is because few of them realize the incredible power of water. A mere six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes only two feet of rushing water to carry away most vehicles. This includes pickups and SUVs.

If you come to an area that is covered with water, you will not know the depth of the water or the condition of the ground under the water. This is especially true at night, when your vision is more limited. Play it smart, play it safe. Whether driving or walking, any time you come to a flooded road, Turn Around Don't Drown®

"That's the thing about Mother Nature, she really doesn't care what economic bracket you're in."

-Whoopi Goldberg

For Help and Information:



FloodSmart.gov

The official site of the NFIP

www.floodsmart.gov



FEMA

www.fema.gov

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Our area has seen more than it's share of water this season and the real work begins after the waters recede.

Important Flood Clean-Up Tips:

If you have experienced any water accumulation in your home, it is important to remember that not all water damage is visible. Since flood water may contain bacteria that can cause serious illnesses, it is vital to clean and disinfect everything that may have been contaminated.

To ensure that your home and personal belongings are as clean and safe as possible, please follow these simple, but important, cleaning tips:

- ◆ Act quickly to avoid mildew and odor.
- ◆ Remove all loose dirt and debris.
- ◆ Use a chlorine bleach disinfecting solution (3/4 cup of household liquid bleach to 1 gallon of water) to wash any walls, floors, or other surfaces touched by flood waters.
- ◆ Keep area wet for 2 minutes (2 to 10 minutes for exterior areas), then rinse thoroughly and dry.
- ◆ Be sure to clean and disinfect all contaminated surfaces, both interior and exterior. Interior: walls, counters and floors. Exterior: outdoor furniture, patios, decks and playground equipment. Kitchen Items: dishes, glassware and utensils.
- ◆ Don't forget about clothing. You can also remove mildew and germs from clothing by washing them with chlorine bleach.

Check clothing labels to make sure they are machine washable and colorfast. For a standard-size washing machine, use one cup chlorine bleach per load to disinfect clothing and remove odors.

◆ When using a disinfecting solution to clean up after a flood, ALWAYS remember to: Wear gloves and protective clothing. Do not touch your face or eyes. Change the disinfecting solution often and whenever it is cloudy. Be thorough. Wash and dry everything well.

Only use regular chlorine bleach for sanitation; do not use scented or color safe bleach.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING...

- ◆ Human brains are 75% water.
- ◆ Human bones are 25% water.
- ◆ Human blood is 83% water.
- ◆ 75% of a chicken is water.
- ◆ 80% of a pineapple is water.
- ◆ 70% of an elephant is water.
- ◆ Each day the sun evaporates a trillion tons of water.
- ◆ A single tree will give off 265 liters (70 gallons) of water per day in evaporation.
- ◆ An acre of corn will give off 15,000 litres (4,000 gallons) of water per day in evaporation.
- ◆ Frozen water is 9% lighter than water, which is why ice floats on water.
- ◆ 95% of a tomato is water.

