

# ECHO Phone

*Emergency, Community and Health Outreach*



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## Flooding- Basic cleanup

[1]

If your home has been flooded, stay safe while you clean it up. Wear protective clothing and gear while you clean – sturdy rubber boots, rubber gloves and eye goggles.

[2]

Throw away anything that may have soaked up water. Things like wood, wallboard, wallpaper, insulation, carpeting, ceiling tile and mattresses can grow mold if they are wet. *Throw them out!* Mold can make you sick. If you think you may have wet or damaged asbestos in your home, be careful. Asbestos is dangerous. For advice on getting rid of asbestos, call the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

[3]

Scrub hard surfaces – like concrete, countertops and appliances – with soap and *clean, safe* water. Rinse with clean water, and then use bleach mixed with water to kill germs. Use *no more than one-half cup* of bleach in a *gallon* of water – and *no more than a teaspoon* for surfaces that come in contact with food. Do *not* use bleach on surfaces that can soak up water. Do *not* mix bleach with soap or any other cleaning products. Open doors and windows while working with bleach, and handle it carefully.

[4]

After you're done, keep your doors and windows open. Use fans and dehumidifiers to thoroughly dry your home. To hear this information again, press #1. To return to the previous choices, press #2.