


A CHECKLIST FOR AFTER A MAJOR STORM

While every attempt has been made to make the following information helpful, relative and accurate, responsibility and risk for the use of this data rests with you, the homeowner. The information provided below is a suggestion only.

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1	Do not wade or drive in floodwaters	
2	Do not enter a building until it has been inspected for damage to the electrical system, gas lines, septic systems, and water lines or wells.	
3	Do not use electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. If it's still plugged in, turn off the power at the main breaker.	
4	If the power is out, use flashlights instead of candles	
5	Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Never use a generator, gasoline-powered equipment, grill, camp stove, or charcoal burning device inside or in any partially enclosed area.	
6	Stay away from power lines and dangerous materials	
7	Protect yourself from animals and pests	
8	Throw out any food including canned items that were not maintained at a proper temperature or have been exposed to floodwaters. Do not eat food from a flooded garden. When in doubt, throw it out.	
9	Avoid drinking tap water until you know it is safe. If uncertain, boil or purify it first.	
10	AIR OUT by opening all doors and windows whenever you are present. Leave as many windows open when you are not present as security concerns allow.	
11	MOVE OUT saturated porous materials such as mattresses or upholstered items, especially those with visible fungal growth.	
12	TEAR OUT flooring, paneling, drywall, insulation, and electrical outlets saturated by floodwater.	
13	CLEAN OUT and disinfect everything that got wet. Mud left from floodwater can contain sewage, bacteria, and chemicals.	
14	DRY OUT the building and any remaining contents.	
15	When contracting a repairman, make sure they are licensed and you get a written estimate prior to work being done.	
16	Let family members know you are safe. Check on conditions of neighbors.	