

Sewage Cleanup Guidelines

- Assume anything in contact with sewage is contaminated.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Wear gloves and take extra precautions if you have cuts or sores.
- Wear waterproof rubber boots to keep feet dry.
- Disinfect things in contact with sewage.

4-Step Clean-up Procedure

Step 1. Gather up cleaning supplies. (Mops, brooms, buckets, gloves, cleaning products, disinfectants and trash bags)

Step 2. Sort affected goods to be repaired or discarded or disinfected.

Recommended actions for items soaked by sewage :

Usually Throw Out	Always Throw Out	
Large carpets Books and paper products Foam rubber * Food (Discard all exposed food to sewage and floodwaters except food in sealed metal cans. Remove labels, wash in detergent and place in a chlorine solution of 1 teaspoon of laundry bleach for each 2 gallons of water, then air dry.	Cosmetics Medicine Medical supplies Stuffed animals Toys	Mattresses Pillows Upholstered furniture Carpet padding Cardboard

Step 3. Clean up one room at a time.

Use a 2-bucket system: One bucket for the cleaning solution and the other bucket for rinsing. After using the cleaning solution, rinse the mop, sponge or cloth in the rinse bucket. Wring it dry and re-wet it in the cleaning solution. Change the rinse water frequently.

After cleaning the room or item, go over it with a disinfectant to kill the germs and odor left by the sewage or floodwaters.

Recommended cleaning & disinfecting solutions:

<u>To Clean</u>	<u>To Disinfect</u>
1 st Choice: Non-sudsing household cleaners. 2 nd Choice: Laundry soap or detergent.	1 st Choice: 10% solution of liquid bleach (3/4 cup in 1 gallon of water). 2 nd Choice: Household disinfectant such as quaternary phenilic or pine oil disinfectants (check labels).

Step 4. Dry out your home and check for mold/mildew concerns.

- Open outside doors and windows.
- Open closet doors and cabinets.
- Circulate the air with fans.
- Run a dehumidifier.

After completing the cleanup, wash your hands with soap and water. Use water that has been boiled for 1 minute (allow the water to cool before washing your hands).

Wash clothes contaminated with flood or sewage water in hot water and detergent. Seek immediate medical attention if you become injured or ill.

** Do not mix bleach with other household chemical products especially ammonia or toilet bowl cleaner, the chemical reaction can produce a poisonous gas

Be Aware of potential damage to utilities (Gas and Electric) from contaminated water. If you are not comfortable working on your utilities or appliances, call a professional.

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