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Reentering Your Flooded Home

- **Keep children and pets out of affected areas until cleanup is complete**
- **If you have standing water in your home and can turn off the main power *from a dry location*, turn it off (or contact a licensed electrician)**
- **If your home has been flooded it may also be contaminated by sewage-take necessary precautions**
- **Remove all standing water *inside the home* (use a sump pump/wet-dry vacuum)-wear rubber boots**
- **Remove/Treat standing water *outdoors* accordingly to prevent mosquito breeding**
- **Remove wet materials that cannot be washed and disinfected (such as, mattresses, carpeting, carpet padding, rugs, upholstered furniture, cosmetics, stuffed animals, baby toys, pillows, foam-rubber items, books, wall coverings, food, and most paper products) as they may promote microbial growth**
- **Clean and disinfect all hard surfaces-Read and follow label instructions carefully and provide adequate ventilation**
- **After cleanup, thoroughly wash hands with soap and water**
- **Wash all clothes (including those worn during cleanup) in hot water and detergent**
- **Open doors and windows to air out the house and aid in the drying process (if house has been closed up several days, open doors and windows and allow to air out at least 30 minutes before spending any length of time in the house)**
- **Use fans and dehumidifiers to remove excess moisture (fans should be placed at windows or doors, facing out)**
- **Have home heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems checked and cleaned by a maintenance or service professional *before you turn it on***
- **Disinfect private wells according to state and local guidelines**