



Emergency preparedness starts with you!

SAFETY TIPS: AFTER FLASH FLOOD



Wait until authorities have declared the area safe before entering a flood zone.



If you are going into an isolated area notify the proper authorities.



If necessary, seek necessary medical care at the nearest hospital.



When returning to a flood-affected area remember that animals, including rats or snakes may be trapped in your home or garden.



Before entering your house, wait until water has fallen below floor level.



Wear rubber boots (or at least rubber-soled shoes) and rubber or leather gloves.



Check for structural damage before entering your home. If you suspect damage to water, gas, electric, or sewer lines, contact authorities.



Danger Electricity

Treat every electrical item with the greatest respect. Every source of electricity can be extremely dangerous under flood conditions.



If the water supply system has been flooded, you must assume it is contaminated.



Wash surfaces that have been inundated with flood waters in order to reduce the danger of flood-carried infections.



Boil drinking water before using. Wells should be pumped out and the water tested for purity before drinking.



Photograph flood damage for insurance purposes.