



MEDIA ADVISORY  
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### **Flood recovery efforts underway**

Kane County provides the following guidelines and safety information for residents impacted by the floods:

#### **Floodwaters**

Persons who have received a puncture wound or have a wound that has come in contact with flood water, should seek medical attention. Persons who have had or anticipate having contact with flood waters and have not had a tetanus shot in the past 10 years or do not know when they last received a tetanus shot should contact the Health Department's toll-free number at (866) BEE WIZE (233-9493) for information and appointment if necessary.

#### **Flooded Wells**

If your private well casing is submerged, the drinking water may be contaminated. The Kane County Health Department has specific instructions on how to disinfect a well and is providing free drinking water sample analysis for any wells suspected of being contaminated due to flooding. You may obtain sample bottles and instructions for disinfection of wells from the Kane County Health Department at the following locations: 1240 N. Highland Ave., Ste 5, Aurora, Ill., 60506, and 115 S. Grove Ave., Ste 209 Elgin, Ill., 60120. Questions regarding food establishments, well/septic concerns or mosquitoes, please contact Environmental Health at (630) 444-3040.

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### **Cleaning Tips**

To prevent mold growth, attempt to dry water-damaged areas as quickly as possible. When homes remain exposed to the elements, mold spores continue to grow. Scrub areas of the house that have been flooded with a household detergent solution and flush the areas with clean water. Follow with a disinfecting solution of one-quarter cup of household bleach in a gallon of water. Scrub furniture, walls, fixtures and appliances with soap and clean water. Affected clothing and bedding should be machine-washed.

### **Debris Disposal**

Residents should contact their solid waste service provider regarding the disposal of flood damaged materials. Residents can also contact their homeowner's insurance company about debris disposal.

### **Mosquito Prevention**

The public should expect increased nuisance floodwater mosquito activity. These mosquitoes can be aggressive during the day hours; but, these mosquitoes do not pose the risk of West Nile Virus. However, the West Nile season will continue until the first frost and residents are urged to check their yards where water can collect such as in old tires, clogged gutters, etc.

### **Power outages**

No one should use a gasoline powered generator, pump or any other type of internal combustion-powered device indoors. These give off deadly carbon monoxide fumes. Use all devices according to the manufacturer's operating instructions.

More tips on dealing with the after effects of flooding can be found at [www.kanehealth.com](http://www.kanehealth.com).

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