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DO



Get a professional to check for loose wires, mold and hidden damage before re-entering your home.



Watch your step. Floodwater often hide sharp and dangerous debris like broken glass and metal.



Avoid skin contact with floodwater, especially cuts and sores. Keep them clean and covered.



Wear heavy work gloves, protective clothing, boots, and an N95 mask, if cleaning mold or other debris.



Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery **outdoors only** and away from windows.

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DON'T

-  Drive in flooded areas. Turn around. Don't drown!
-  Walk in floodwater. It can be contaminated with oil, gasoline, or sewage.
-  Enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold you can see or smell – especially if you have asthma, other lung conditions, and/or are immunocompromised.
-  Allow children to do disaster cleanup work.
-  Eat or drink anything exposed to floodwater.



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