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Kill Germs With Bleach

After a flood, germs will grow in your house. They can make you sick. Use bleach to kill germs on things touched by flood water.

- ✓ Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, and goggles.
- ✓ Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.

- ✓ Clean hard things with soap and water. Then clean with a mix of 1 cup of household liquid bleach in 5 gallons of water. Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon). Scrub rough surfaces with a stiff brush. Air dry.

- ✓ If you don't have household liquid bleach, use soap and water.
- ✗ Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.

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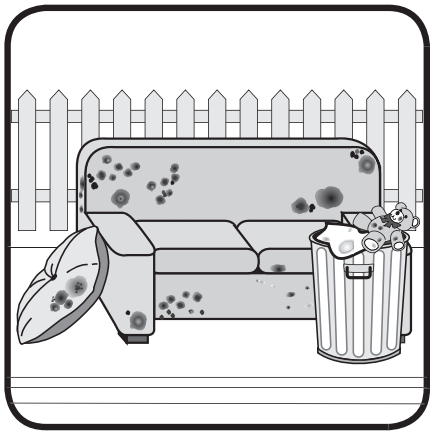
Get Rid of Mold

After a flood, mold will grow in your house. It can make you sick. You will need to clean your house.



Take things that were wet for 2 or more days outside.

Things that stayed wet for 2 days have mold growing on them even if you can't see it.

Take out stuff made of cloth, unless you can wash them in **hot** water. Also take out stuff that can't be cleaned easily (like leather, paper, wood, and carpet).

Use bleach to clean mold off hard things (like floors, stoves, sinks, certain toys, countertops, flatware, plates, and tools).

Follow these steps:

- Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
- Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, goggles, and N-95 mask.
- Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.
- Mix no more than 1 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of water.
- Wash the item with the bleach and water mixture.
- If the surface of the item is rough, scrub the surface with a stiff brush.
- Rinse the item with clean water.
- Dry the item or leave it out to dry.

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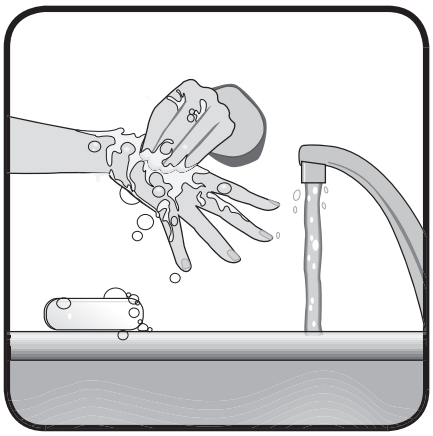
Getting Rid of Cleaning Products and Other Chemicals

Local officials will tell you how to get rid of chemicals in your area.



- ! Don't mix chemicals.
- ! Don't put chemicals down drains, sewers, or toilets.
- ! Don't burn chemicals.
- ✔ Wash your skin if you get chemicals on it.
- ✔ Take off your clothes and wash them if chemicals get on them.

Call 911 if someone is hurt by chemicals. You can also call the poison control center at 1-800-222-1222.

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