

FLOOD SAFETY

What To Do After A Flood



- Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded and watch out for debris.
- Do not attempt to walk or drive through flood waters.
- Extreme caution should be used when entering flooded buildings. There may be hidden damage, particularly in foundations.
- Personal safety considerations include protecting yourself from electric shock, mold contamination, asbestos, and lead paint.

- Turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box. Homeowners who are unfamiliar with electricity or their home's electrical systems should contact their local power company or a qualified electrician to assist them in making their property safe from electrical hazards after a flood.
- Remove wet contents like carpeting, furniture, and bedding immediately. Mold can develop within 24-48 hours.
- Photograph and list all damaged or lost items.

- Take pictures of the water inside the house.
- Keep records and receipts for each cost incurred in cleaning up or repairing damages to your home.



PLAN YOUR REPAIR



- Contact your local building inspections office for information on local building and permit requirements.
- Use licensed contractors to make repairs.
- Keep records and receipts for all repairs that were made to your home.

Note: Columbia County requires reconstruction, rehabilitation, expansions, and other improvements to a building that is equal to or exceeds 50% of the market value of the building to meet the same construction and floodplain requirements as a new building.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
HOW TO RECOVER AFTER A
FLOOD CAN BE FOUND AT:

FloodSmart.gov

<https://www.floodsmart.gov/flood>

FEMA

<https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/starting-your-recovery-after-flood>

TO SIGN UP FOR
EMERGENCY ALERTS VISIT:

Hyper-Reach Emergency Alert App

https://signup.hyper-reach.com/hyper_reach/sign_up_page_2/?id=113127