

## Don't let flood waters make you sick!

Flood water carries fecal bacteria from sewer pipes, honeybuckets, sewage lagoons and animal waste.



It may also carry loose garbage from around the village and harmful chemicals from oil drums or old vehicles.

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Any contact with flood water can make you or your loved ones sick.

### **DO NOT let children play in the water!**

Make sure that all water you use for drinking, cooking, bathing, and preparing food is coming from your water treatment plant.

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Take extra precaution in making sure that everyone washes their hands before eating and that all items such as toys and tools that have been in contact with flood water are disinfected with a bleach solution – 1 cup bleach for every 5 gallons of water.

If you have ANY flood related questions please call your YKHC Environmental Health Officer at 543-6420 or toll free 1-800-478-6599



## Protect yourself from the FLOOD CRUD!

### What can I do to protect myself and my family if my village floods?

**Stay out of flood water.**

**Do not allow children to play in or around flood waters.**



Flood water contains germs that will make you and your family sick. It should not be used for drinking, cooking or bathing. Drinking water should come from the local water plant unless otherwise noted.

Always wash your hands with soap and water that has been boiled or disinfected before preparing or eating food, after toilet use, after participating in flood cleanup activities, and after handling articles contaminated with flood water or sewage.

#### How can I make my water safe to use?

Boil your water before use for at least two minutes to kill harmful bacteria and parasites.

You can also treat water with chlorine tablets, iodine tablets, or clorox bleach.

- For household chlorine bleach, add 1/8 teaspoon of bleach per gallon of water if the water is clear.
- For cloudy water, add 1/4 teaspoon of bleach per gallon. Mix the solution thoroughly and let it stand for about 30 minutes before using.

#### How can I clean my home after a flood?

Cleaning up after a flood should start with drying anything that is wet. Remove everything that is wet and start cleaning inside the house

Wall and hard-surfaces should be cleaned with soap and water and disinfected with a solution of 1 cup of bleach to 5 gallons of water

Wash all linens and clothing in hot water.

For items that cannot be washed, air dry them in the sun and then spray them thoroughly with a disinfectant.

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