

## SEWAGE BACKUP CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

The following information is being provided to prevent possible injury or illness after a backup of sewage occurs:

1. Do not bring children into the flooded area.
2. Be cautious entering a flooded basement relative to electric outlets and gas lines. Do not handle any connected cords or appliances and get assistance before doing so.
3. Do not light a match in an enclosed area where gas could be present. Check all pilot lights or burners before placing them back into service.
4. While the back up is occurring, avoid using water as much as possible. Avoid showers, flushing toilets, laundry or other activities that could cause more flow to go into the sewers.
5. After the backup has receded and drained away, clean the area with soap, clean water and a disinfecting solution (one third of a cup of unscented household bleach for each gallon of water) During the clean up process, provide as much ventilation as possible. Discard all open food that has come into contact with the sewage; all canned goods should be washed and sanitized with a bleach solution.
6. Clothing, carpets, upholstered furniture, toys, bedding, and similar items should be discarded unless they are cleaned and disinfected. Movable objects should be put outdoors to dry and exposed to sunlight. Some salvage agencies or companies are equipped to process contaminated material without hazard to employees or eventual customers. Discarded clothing should not be left accessible to unauthorized scavengers pending pickup.
7. After cleaning the floors, walls and all articles the sewage has come in contact with, care should be taken to thoroughly wash all clothes and body parts that came in contact with the sewage. Frequent hand washing is a must to prevent possible hand to mouth contamination. Avoid tracking of sewage into other living areas of the dwelling or business.