

# TOP THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN CLEANING UP AFTER A FLOOD



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1. A licensed electrician must do a safety check of wiring, switchboards and electrical equipment before turning the power on.
2. LPG cylinders and natural gas installations must be checked by a licensed gas fitter prior to use.
3. Take photos of damaged furniture, furnishings, appliances, dishes, etc before removing from your property for insurance purposes.
4. Bulk bins are for spoiled foods and perishables only.
5. Only put general waste on the kerbside for pick-up.
6. Contact Council to remove hazardous waste from your premises. Keep these separate from other waste - don't put on kerbside with other waste.
7. Let your premises air for 30 minutes before starting the clean-up.
8. Protect yourself from possible contaminants and bacteria - always wear rubber gloves, water resistant clothing, safety glasses and closed in footwear.
9. Clean yourself after any clean-up activities. Wash well with anti-bacterial soap. Clothing should be washed separately in hot water and detergent.
10. Thoroughly clean and disinfect all hard surfaces and cleanable items with hot water and detergent or a bleach solution (dilute ¼ cup of laundry bleach in 4 litres of water).
11. Clean out trapped water and mud in affected wall cavities, bathroom vanities, shower/bath bases, kitchen cabinets and floating floors.
12. Do not cover fire hydrants when you put waste on the kerb. These hydrants, which are covered with a cement tile, will need to be accessed quickly in the event of a fire.
13. Hose the silt in streets, drains and outside your property to keep it moist. This will prevent drain blockages and further flooding.

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