Washburn County Health Department

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**To:   Flood Affected Townships**

**CONTACT**:   Washburn County Health Department

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**Guidelines after Flooding**

Washburn County and surrounding area has experienced significant rainfall and flooding in certain areas. To help you stay safe during this event, Public Health would like to stress the importance of staying out of the flood waters, if at all possible. Flood waters contain contaminants, including bacteria, viruses, hazardous wastes, debris and sharp objects.  Please print and post any of the attachments if needed.

**All flooding information and resources will be posted on the Washburn County website @** <http://www.co.washburn.wi.us>

**Well Water Testing**:

See:  “Private Well Testing after Flooding” on our website for well water use guidance.  Do not consume well water after well or surrounding areas have been flooded

Fee-exempt (no charge) water testing kits for private wells affected by flooding can be obtained from the **Washburn County Health Department at 715-635-4400**.  If your well was submerged under flood waters, well water testing can be done 1 week after waters have receded and the well has been “shocked” or decontaminated according to DNR recommendations.  See decontamination procedures at the DNR website.

 If the well water test is safe then retesting is advised in one month.

**Flood Clean-up Kits**

Contact your township chairperson or Emergency Management for Red Cross Flood Cleanup supply kits.

A limited supply is available for flood victims.

**DNR (Well Disinfection)** <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wells/flood.html>

Flood Toolkit:  <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p0/p00631.pdf>

Information link to CDC:  <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/index.asp>

Washburn County Emergency Management: <http://www.co.washburn.wi.us/departments/emergency-management>

**Washburn Count Health Department**:  <http://www.co.washburn.wi.us/departments/health>

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