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POST IRENE NOTICE #2

August 31, 2011

Dear Residents:

I will first begin by again commending our terrific Office of Emergency Management (OEM), led by Pete Donatello, for its efforts before, during, and after Hurricane Irene. Pete is coordinating our volunteer groups, employees, elected officials and other professionals. The OEM has been meeting at least twice daily, and is doing a fantastic job in trying to help all those affected during this difficult time.

Here are the most recent updates:

- Unfortunately, FEMA has yet to do a damage assessment for Rochelle Park and has not provided us with any information on when it will be establishing an information center to answer questions about federal aid. Part of the problem: areas of New Jersey were still flooding as of yesterday and Irene's destructive reach has been greater than Floyd's in 1999.
- Bergen County Sheriff Mike Saudino has provided us with minimum security prisoners to help Rochelle Park seniors and those with disabilities or medical conditions who need assistance in cleaning out their own homes. The prisoners will be under police supervision and were a tremendous help to those they assisted during Floyd. Call 201-843-1515.
- The Red Cross has dropped off 100 "cleaning kits" that are available to Irene-affected residents on a first-come, first-serve basis. The kits contain things such as brooms, disinfectant, a mop, gloves, garbage bags and a pail, and can be picked up the garage off the parking lot of the Municipal Complex at 151 West Passaic Street. Please bring I.D.

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- Daily garbage pick-ups will continue to remove flood-damaged debris placed at the curbside. There will be no pick-ups, however, this Sunday or Labor Day. Pick-ups resume on Tuesday. Paint cans and other hazardous waste can be put out, but will be picked up separately at a later date.
- Rochelle Park Police have increased security patrols in all the flooded areas of town and are ticketing scavengers roaming through your neighborhoods. They are being ably assisted by Sheriff's Officers and the Bergen County Police.
- Our DPW is continuing its clean-up of brush, branches and debris, monitoring the pump stations, and assisting the County in removing refuse from the Saddle River and Sprout Brook.
- Eight licensed Building Inspectors are actively checking all flood-affected dwellings to ensure the safety and integrity of your home.
- Our volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps continue to do a great job in responding to emergency calls throughout the day and night.

As I mentioned in my last letter, as updates becomes available, we will be sure to get them out to you as quickly as possibly. If you can, check www.rochelleparknj.gov for information as well.

You all continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Scarpa', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Joseph Scarpa
Mayor

FLOOD CLEANUP

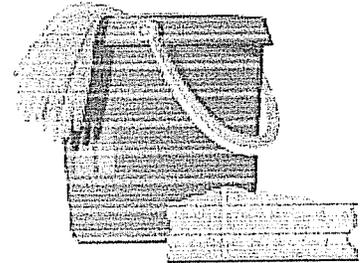
Flood Waters May be Contaminated!

It is important to begin cleanup as soon as the flood water is gone. The first priority is to remove flood dirt and dry surfaces as soon as possible. Place items in direct sunlight if possible. Clean areas affected by the flood with a disinfecting solution to stop or slow the growth of bacteria, viruses, mold and mildew. Discard all soft plastic and porous items, such as baby bottle nipples, pacifiers, wooden spoons and cutting boards that may have come in contact with flood waters and absorbed contaminants.

The second priority is to throw away all contaminated and spoiled food and beverages by placing them in heavy duty trash bags. Do not eat or drink any items that may have come into contact with flood water. Commercially canned foods are the only items that can safely be disinfected by removing the labels and thoroughly washing the cans with disinfecting solution. Remember to label the cans appropriately with a permanent marker.

Protect Yourself

- Wear protective clothing on hands, arms, feet and legs while cleaning including:
 - Rubber gloves
 - Washable clothing
 - Rubber boots
- Use disposable face masks that may provide additional protection where mold has developed, especially for individuals with asthma or respiratory problems.
- If you are injured while cleaning up, contact your health care provider.
- Turn off the electricity at the main breaker of your fuse box, even if the power is off in your community. Once the power has returned to your community, you can decide when your home is dry enough to turn it back on.



Make Disinfecting Solution

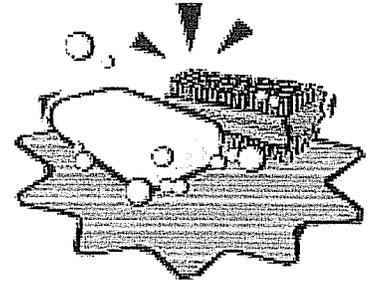
- Mix household bleach with water to make a disinfecting solution using the following amounts: 1 cup household bleach with 1 gallon water. For smaller quantities, mix 1 part of household bleach to 10 parts disinfecting solution. Label this solution clearly to ensure that people do not drink it. Keep bleach and disinfecting solution out of the reach of children and pets.

**Do not mix chlorine bleach with anything other than water!
Combinations can be deadly.**

Clean Flood Affected Areas

Use the disinfecting solution to clean all surfaces, such as:

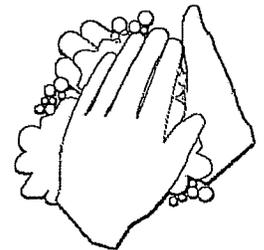
- Kitchen counters
- Floors
- Furniture
- Baseboards and other surfaces touched by flood waters
- Toys and exercise equipment
- Outdoor furniture and children's play equipment
- Dishes and kitchen utensils. (Soak for 2 minutes in disinfecting solution. Rinse well with purified water.)



Keep surfaces wet for 2 minutes and then allow them to air dry. Remember to change the solution when it becomes dirty.

After the Cleanup

- Before removing boots, sanitize them with disinfecting solution.
- If possible, dispose of clothing that has come in contact with flood water or dirt. If not possible to discard, wash clothing in hot water and detergent. Thoroughly dry clothes in either a dryer or hang in direct sunlight.
- Throw out cleaning rags. Put them in plastic bags and place in regular trash.
- Remove gloves and thoroughly wash hands with soap and water or waterless hand sanitizer.
- Soak mops in disinfecting solution after use and wash again in hot water. Cleaning equipment, such as dustpans or buckets, should be thoroughly rinsed in disinfecting solution.
- Flush dirty solution down the toilet or pour down the sink.



Hand Washing

Proper hand washing is very important in reducing the spread of germs. Wash your hands frequently.

To properly wash your hands, use plenty of soap and warm running water, rub your hands together vigorously for at least 20 seconds, wash the palms and backs of your hands, use a nail brush if possible, rinse thoroughly and allow hands to air dry or use clean paper towels.



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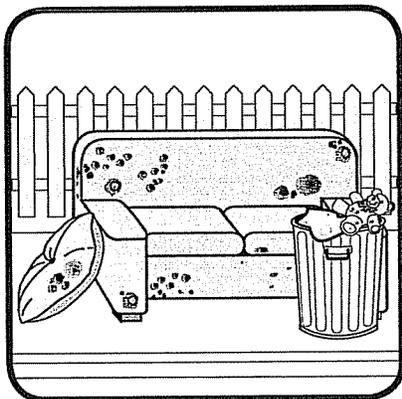
Bergen County Department of Health Services

201-634-2600 ● www.bergenhealth.org

Health and Safety Information Line: 201-225-7000

Get Rid of Mold

After a flood, mold will grow in your house. It can make you sick. You will need to clean your house.



Take things that were wet for 2 or more days outside.

Things that stayed wet for 2 days have mold growing on them even if you can't see it.

Take out stuff made of cloth, unless you can wash them in **hot** water. Also take out stuff that can't be cleaned easily (like leather, paper, wood, and carpet).

Use bleach to clean mold off hard things (like floors, stoves, sinks, certain toys, countertops, flatware, plates, and tools).

Follow these steps:



- Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
- Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, goggles, and N-95 mask.
- Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.
- Mix no more than 1 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of water.
- Wash the item with the bleach and water mixture.
- If the surface of the item is rough, scrub the surface with a stiff brush.
- Rinse the item with clean water.
- Dry the item or leave it out to dry.