

# LENAWEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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## **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **FLOODING INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Lenawee County Health Department encourages all Lenawee County residents to avoid contact with any flood waters. Flood waters may contain sewage or other contaminants that may be harmful to public health.

Homeowners that live on a property that has a well should inspect the well for evidence of having been under floodwater. If it has been under floodwater, it should be tested for contamination. A list of testing sites are available on the health department website:

<http://www.lenawee.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/140>.

Homeowners may opt to skip the testing procedure and have it disinfected either by a licensed well driller or by disinfecting it themselves. Instructions are available on the health department's website <http://www.lenawee.mi.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1560> .

The health department urges all homeowners with flooded basements to use caution during clean up. Avoid coming into contact with the floodwaters as the water may be contaminated by oil, gasoline or raw sewage. Use rubber gloves and boots. Throw out food that may have been in contact with the floodwater. More tips for cleaning up a flooded basement or home can be found at [https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1614-20490-6095/fs\\_aftertheflood\\_012013.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1614-20490-6095/fs_aftertheflood_012013.pdf) or [https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/PDF\\_s/Preparedness\\_Disaster\\_Recovery/Disaster\\_Preparedness/Flood/Flood.pdf](https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/PDF_s/Preparedness_Disaster_Recovery/Disaster_Preparedness/Flood/Flood.pdf)

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