FLOOD WATER SAFETY

Don't Drive In Flooded Areas

Drowning is a leading cause of storm related death. Turn around, don't drown!

- Always follow warnings about flooded roads.
- Vehicles can be swept away or may stall in moving water.

Flood Waters Can be Contaminated with Bacteria and Viruses

Avoid skin contact with flood waters especially if you have open cuts and wounds.

- Do not wade through standing water. If you do, wash your body and put on clean clothes.
- If an open cut or wound comes into contact with flood waters, wash the area well with soap and clean water to prevent infection.
- If you are cut or have a puncture wound, get a tetanus booster.

Avoid eating, drinking or touching anything contaminated with flood waters.

- Wash your hands with soap and clean water for 20 seconds.

If you are unsure if your tap water is safe, boil or disinfect it.

- Boiling tap water is the best way to kill harmful parasites, bacteria and viruses. The process is complete when the water is held at a rolling boil for at least **one minute.** Let the water cool before using.
- If boiling is not an option, disinfect tap water by adding eight drops of regular unscented household bleach (4 to 6 % strength)—this is about one-eighth teaspoon or a dime-sized puddle, per gallon of water. If a higher strength bleach is used (8.25 % strength), only add seven drops of bleach. Mix the solution and let it stand for 30 minutes. If the water is cloudy after 30 minutes, repeat the steps once.

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PRIVATE WELL WATER

During Flooding

If your well is affected by flood waters, there may disease-causing organisms in your water making it unsafe to drink.

The Florida Department of Health recommends you **do ONE of the following**:

1. **Boil tap water** and hold it at a rolling boil for at least one minute. Let it cool completely before using to avoid burns.
2. **Disinfect tap water** by adding eight drops of plain, unscented household bleach (4-6% strength), per gallon of water. If a higher strength bleach is used (8.25% strength), only add seven drops of bleach. Mix the solution and let it stand for 30 minutes. If the water is cloudy after 30 minutes, repeat the procedure one more time. If still cloudy after the second treatment, dispose of water and start the process over again, OR use bottled water.
    - Always store water in a clean, closed containers.
3. **Use commercially available bottled water**, especially for mixing baby formula.

After Flooding

Learn about testing your well water by scanning the QR code below or visit FloridaHealth.gov/environmental-health/private-well-testing/index.html.

Find Out if your Water is Safe

Have it tested by a certified laboratory for coliform bacteria by scanning the QR code below or visit FloridaDEP.gov/DEAR/Florida-DEP-laboratory/content/nelap-certified-laboratory-search.

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AGUA DE POZOS PRIVADOS

Durante una inundación

Si su pozo se ve afectado por el agua de una inundación, es posible que haya organismos que causan enfermedades en el agua y, por lo tanto, que no sea segura para beber.

El Departamento de Salud de Florida (Florida Department of Health) recomienda que haga UNA de las siguientes:

1. Hierva el agua del grifo y manténgala en ebullición POR al menos un minuto. Deje que se enfríe antes de usarla.
2. Desinfecte el agua del grifo agregando ocho gotas de cloro para uso doméstico sin aroma (con una concentración del 4-6 %) por cada galón de agua. Si usa cloro de mayor potencia (con una concentración de 8.25 %), agregue solo siete gotas de cloro. Mezcle la solución y déjela reposar por 30 minutos. Si el agua está turbia después de 30 minutos, repita el procedimiento una vez más. Si sigue estando turbia después del segundo tratamiento, deséchela y vuelva a empezar el proceso, O use agua embotellada.
   - Guarde el agua en un recipiente limpio y cerrado.
3. Use el agua embotellada disponible en tiendas, especialmente para mezclar la fórmula para bebés.

Después de una inundación

Aprenda a analizar el agua de su pozo escaneando el código QR que aparece abajo o visite FloridaHealth.gov/environmental-health/private-well-testing/index.html.

Averigüe si su agua es segura

Haga que un laboratorio certificado la analice para detectar bacterias coliformes escaneando el código QR que aparece abajo o visitando FloridaDEP.gov/DEAR/Florida-DEP-laboratory/content/nelap-certified-laboratory-search.

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