



Wear Protective Clothing During Flood Cleanup

Kansas State University • Cooperative Extension Service • Manhattan, Kansas

People involved in cleanup after the flood need to wear clothing that will protect them from contaminated water. Flood water can contain raw sewage, viruses, bacteria, and pesticides.

It is important to take the following steps when working in flood damaged areas:

- Check to make sure that tetanus shots are up-to-date. (Get a booster shot if you have not had a tetanus shot within the past 10 years. Some health departments recommend a booster within five years if you are working in flood water.)
- Wear waterproof boots, preferably high rubber boots.
- Wear waterproof gloves—latex or neoprene coated, not leather or cotton (kitchen rubber/latex gloves will work).
- Wear a face mask.
- Avoid direct contact with water
- Wash with an anti-bacterial soap (Dial, for example) after working in flood areas
- Wash clothing in a detergent and disinfectant after working in flood areas. (Follow the manufacturer's instructions).

Artyce Hedrick, Extension Specialist, Clothing



Cooperative Extension Service
Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas

MF-1134

August 1993

Issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension Work, acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, as amended. Kansas State University, County Extension Councils, and United States Department of Agriculture Cooperating, Richard D. Wootton, Associate Director. All educational programs and materials available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

8-3-93—5M; Rev 8-6-93—5M