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Take care when cleaning up after the flood

The recent rains in our area have left many families inundated with floodwaters. The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that floodwaters can contain bacteria, fecal material, viruses, and other organisms that may cause disease. It's important to take precautions to avoid injury and possible infections. When cleaning, remember that:

- First Aid, even for minor cuts and burns, is very important during flood cleanup.
- If you know you will be cleaning up after the flooding or plan to volunteer, please check with your health care provider about the need for a tetanus shot.
- Make sure to wear protective clothing and shoes when cleaning up – gloves, pants, long sleeves and boots.
- If you have a cut or injury where the skin is broken and has been exposed to flood water, contact your health care provider about the need for a tetanus shot or other treatment.

More information about cleaning up after a flood can be found on our website kanehealth.com/natural_disasters.htm.

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