

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE

RECOMMENDATIONS ON MUCKING OUT A HOUSE AFTER A FLOOD



The volunteers **must** do the following to protect themselves:

- Wear long sleeves and jeans with closed shoes
- Wear a quality half face respirator with N,R or P95 or 100 filters.
NO CHEAP DUST MASKS!
- Wear rubber or leather gloves and eye protection especially when spraying disinfectant solution
- Ensure work area is well ventilated
- Keep clean! Clothes and Hands etc
- Clean personal protective equipment before reusing
- Refrain from using vacuums that don't have a HEPA filtration system on them
- Wash hands and face prior to eating or drinking

The Process

1. First open all windows and doors to help ventilate home
2. The buildings need to be totally gutted; all drywall, insulation, carpet etc to bare studs or concrete. May want to lightly spray dry areas with water to reduce airborne dust and mold while cleaning out the home
3. Remove the mold by thoroughly sanding or wire brushing the surfaces.
4. Disinfect the surfaces by applying a bleach solution (1 cup of bleach per gallon of water) with a sprayer, brush or mop.
5. **NEVER mix bleach with other products that contain Ammonia**
6. Let the surface dry completely
7. Seal the surfaces with Kilz 2, do not use Kilz 1 it feeds certain type of mold. All surfaces need sealed; wood and concrete
8. After the above processes are complete the air in the building needs to be scrubbed with a HEPA filtration unit.

If you have any questions please call the Project Logistics Coordinator at 717-682-9701.