



Buchanan County Emergency Management

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Flood Supplies Available in Buchanan County

Flood clean-up kits and bleach are available for Buchanan County residents affected by the recent flooding. Both can be obtained from the Independence Fire Station at 113 4th Avenue S.E. Please be aware supplies are limited and will be replenished as donations are available. For those who do not have clean water in their home, it is anticipated bottled water will be available at the Independence Fire Station on Tuesday, September 27th through donations from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

Proper flood clean up can be found at the Iowa State University Extension website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/content/dealing-with-flooding> and the Iowa Department of Public Health website at <http://idph.iowa.gov/flooding>. Additional information can be found on the Buchanan County Emergency Management website at <http://www.buchanancountyiowa.org/>.

Regarding well water, do not drink the well water if the well is located in an area flood waters reached or in an area where the groundwater can be influenced by flood waters. Your well should be viewed as unsafe until: (1) it has been inspected by an Iowa DNR Certified Well Contractor for any deficiencies if the well head was submerged, (2) it has been shock chlorinated, and (3) the well water has been tested for bacteria with the return results within safe limits for use. Please visit the Buchanan County Environmental Health website at <http://tinyurl.com/BuchananEH> or the Emergency Management Flood Cleanup website at http://buchanancountyiowa.org/flood_clean-up_2016.php for further instructions along with a list of certified well contractors. After your well has been shock chlorinated, call Buchanan County Environmental Health at (319) 334-2873 to schedule a free well test.

For more detailed information concerning flooded wells please visit the following link:
http://www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/water/wells/well_flooding.pdf

Dumpsters for flood debris only will be located within the towns of Littleton, Otterville and Independence yet this week or as water recedes. Watch for additional information regarding locations.

Refer to Buchanan County Emergency Management website at www.buchanancountyiowa.org/ema for updates.

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