

# Debris Clean-up Step-by-Step



# **Step 1: Interior Debris Removal**

- Debris separation in accordance with the attached guidelines.
- Remove all flood affected items, separating out those that can be cleaned or restored.

### **Step 2: Mucking Out (Mud Removal)**

Equipment needed: Flat shovels, wheelbarrows, 5 gal. plastic buckets, protective goggles, work gloves, ear plugs, face masks, bleach, industrial type brooms, dust pans, garden hose, mops, power washer, towels, and hand sanitizer.

- First remove mud, muck and silt deposits
- Hose out.

## **Step 3: Gutting of flooding structures**

Equipment needed, may not be fully comprehensive: pry bars, wheelbarrows, 5 gal. plastic buckets, protective goggles, work gloves, dust masks, bleach, claw hammers, screw drivers, industrial type brooms - push and sweep type, sledge hammers, dust pans, heavy- duty outdoor extension cords, if using a generator – gas cans, ladders, work lights, first aid kit, mold kill, scrub brushes, bottled water.

- Walls- remove damaged trim and molding
- Remove damaged sheetrock two feet above the water line. Cutting at a 4 foot level allows for replacement of full sheets.
- Remove damaged wall paneling.
- Remove damaged insulation.
- Remove nails from studs.
- Place all removed material at curb according to attached debris management guidelines.
- Remove damaged floor materials:
  - Carpet and padding
  - o o Flooring o
  - o All nails
- Remove electric materials.

### **Final Step:**

Cleaning and Sanitizing 

Scrub surfaces as needed. 

Use mold kill as needed. Bleach is not adequate. 

Rinse with clean water. 

Remove any remaining standing water with a shop vac. 

I Sweep out gutting debris and bag.