

# FLOOD CLEAN UP

Cleaning up your home after a flood can be a challenge. The following information will help get you started. Please save this information so that you can be prepared.

## PREPARING TO CLEAN

- If you have evacuated, be sure you have approval to return
- Identify any hazards before entering your home
- Turn off electricity at the main breaker or fuse box, even if power is off in your area
- Make sure to have space and/or containers to sort materials for disposal
- Pay attention to any potentially hazardous materials, such as paint or oil

## SORTING THROUGH DEBRIS

- Be cautious as there may be hazards hidden in standing water
- If your home / building was built before 1980, there may be asbestos in certain materials
- Keep all hazardous materials in their original containers - **DO NOT MIX** the materials together
- Keep all tree and other yard / green waste separate from other debris.

## DISPOSING OF DEBRIS

- Collect hazardous materials and take them to a household hazardous waste collection facility
- Set appliances and electronics aside to dry out prior to collection - refrigerators must be emptied and closed with duct tape.

Any items or materials contaminated by contact with flood water cannot be recycled and must be disposed of:

- Carpet and/or flooring
- Drywall
- Insulation
- Cabinets and cabinet hardware
- Furniture

Yard / green waste may be placed in your Yard Waste bin for normal collection.

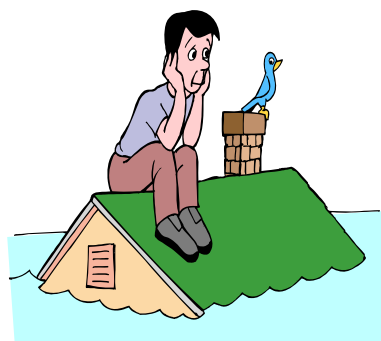
## Additional information is available at:

**City Website:** [www.shorelinewa.gov](http://www.shorelinewa.gov)

**City Phone:** (206) 801-2700

**Cleanscapes Debris Hotline:** (206) 763-4444

**King County Emergency Management Website:**  
[www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare.aspx)



# What to Do With Disaster Debris



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## Sort into Categories

