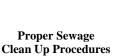
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If you have items contaminated by flood waters or sewage spills, proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures should be followed to prevent illness. Raw sewage contains biological agents such as bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites that can cause serious illness and even death. Always presume that floodwater is contaminated with sewage.

low to clean up sewage contaminated items and sewage spills inside your home	e:
☐ Wear protective clothing such as rubber boots	☐ Clean walls, hard-surfaced floors, and other
and waterproof gloves while cleaning up the	household surfaces with soap and water.
spill or handling contaminated items.	Then, disinfect with a solution of 1/4 cup of
☐ Wash all linens and clothing in hot water or	bleach in one gallon of water. Once clean
professionally dry clean.	up is complete, dry out affected items to
☐ Discard items that cannot be adequately	prevent the growth of mold.
cleaned in hot water or dry cleaned, such as	WARNING: Do not mix ammonia cleansers
mattresses, carpeting, wall coverings and	with bleach as toxic vapors will form.
upholstered furniture. Assume anything	☐ Do not eat any food that may have come in
touched by sewage to be contaminated.	contact with flood water or sewage.
or sewage spills outside your home:	
	MBER to keep children and pets away from any areas potentially contaminated by
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Ninor spills requiring immediate attention may be disinfected with regular garder	lime from a garden shop according to the paragraph below. (Remember to follow
he label instructions on the lime container.)	
Sprinkle the lime onto the spill so the spill is dusted mostly white on the	e surface. If the residue is thicker in some places use a rake to mix the lime and the
·	pag for disposal with the other trash. Use a sprinkler or hose to water the lime and
residue into the soil. Let the area dry in the sun a day before allowing access. If there is still white lime dust visible on the yard, water it in until the white dust is gone.	
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