

Kittitas County Flood '09
Safety Update
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Public Service Announcement

Prior to re-entering a previously flooded area, please follow these safety guidelines:

Natural Gas Services

Submerged gas control valves, circuit breakers and fuses pose explosion and fire hazards, and should be replaced as the water subsides.

Propane Gas Services

Leaking propane tanks can cause a fire or explosion. If you are asked to evacuate your home, secure and shut off all propane tanks. After you are authorized to return to your property, have a qualified professional turn the propane back on.

Energy Services

If your home has been flooded, do not attempt to turn the power back on. Have all wiring inspected by an electrician.

General Safety Issues

- Wear gloves and boots at all times to avoid skin contact with anything that has
- been contaminated by floodwaters.
- For questions related to drinking water testing call (509) 933-8261.
- Children should never be allowed to play in floodwaters.
- Water test kits can be picked up at the Kittitas County Public Health Department in Ellensburg or at Evergreen Valley Utilities in Cle Elum. Contact information is listed below. Cost for the bacteria test is \$20. Verbal results can be received as soon as the next day.
- Any of the following food items, **exposed to flood waters**, must be disposed of:
 - Food items in your refrigerator and freezer.
 - All boxed foods such as cereals, etc.
 - All bottled drinks and products in jars, including home preserves, since the area under the seal of the jars and bottles cannot be properly disinfected.
- All undamaged canned goods must be thoroughly washed and disinfected.
- Wash and disinfect all dishes and utensils.

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