

FLOOD RECOVERY

Recovery starts after the emergency is over. The first priority should be safety. Do not go near downed wires or flood waters. If flood waters were within or around your property, it is essential to clean up safely. Information on Flood Recovery and how to file a flood insurance claim is available at www.floodsmart.gov

The most important things that you should remember to do are:

- Keep power and gas off until it is inspected
- Check for structural damage before re-entering
- Wear gloves, boots and a face mask during clean up
- Boil well water and sanitize the septic system, if required

Flood Insurance Claims and FEMA Disaster Assistance:

- If you have flood insurance, you should contact your agent as soon as possible or contact the **National Flood Insurance Program** at **877-336-2627** if you do not know your insurance agent or carrier
- For **FEMA Disaster Assistance** go to <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/> or call **800-621-3362**
- Take photographs to document any flood damaged areas and items.

DEBRIS COLLECTION

Once you have documented the flood damage and contacted your insurance company you can begin the debris removal.

The Township will provide collection of damaged household items such as furniture, appliances and carpeting.

All items must be separated by the following categories:

NORMAL HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE AND RECYCLING can be put out as regularly scheduled:

- Household garbage, such as spoiled food, and regular garbage can be put at the curb with your normally collected garbage.
- Recyclable items such as cans, bottles, plastics and dry paper items can be placed out on your normal recycling schedule.
- Tree branches, grass clippings and other vegetative waste can be put out on your normal vegetative waste collection.

The following items must be placed in **SEPARATE** areas at the edge of the roadway.

BULK GARBAGE – large non-metal items

- Wood furniture, couches and other upholstered furniture
- Rolls of carpet, cut to 4 foot length
- Console TV's larger than 32 inches
- Construction materials such as removed drywall **must be placed in bags.**
Loose materials will not be collected
- Cabinets, vanities, sinks, bathroom fixtures

METAL ITEMS AND APPLIANCES

- Large metal items such as grills, lawn equipment, metal shelving
- Appliances such as washer, dryer, dishwasher, hot water heater
- **Refrigerators and freezers** must have the doors removed before they are placed at the curb.

ELECTRONIC ITEMS

- Flat panel TV's, computers and monitors