

3-Bucket Clean-up Method

(*Play it safe:* for flooded buildings or other areas where flood-water contamination is possible, or water quality is unknown, clean-up using the three-bucket method.)

- Cover yourself from head to toe and put on a mask and rubber gloves.
- In the first bucket, add water and a small amount of detergent or soap. Add plain water to a second bucket. Leave the third one empty.
- Wet a clean rag or sponge in the soapy water and squeeze the extra water into the empty bucket.
- Use the rag to wipe off the dirt.
- Dip the rag in the plain water.
- Wring out the dirty rag into the empty bucket.
- Repeat these steps. Throw away rags when they get really dirty.
- For now, pour the water on bare dirt away from wells or streams, out of reach of children and pets.

Don't ever mix bleach with ammonia, acids or other cleaners! This produces poisonous gases and could explode.