

NOTICE FROM THE CITY OF WOOD DALE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Procedures for Inspection & Occupancy of Flood Damage Buildings

- All flood damaged buildings are considered **Unsafe Structures** and are not approved for occupancy by the City of Wood Dale.
- All flood damaged buildings must be inspected by the City of Wood Dale Building Department. Contact the Building Department at 630-766-5133 to schedule a flood damage assessment inspection.
- After a flood damage assessment inspection, a determination can then be made as to when and under what conditions a structure may be occupied.
- A flood damage repair permit is required and can be issued shortly after the flood damage assessment inspection. The flood damage repair permit will detail the required inspections and work to be done for each situation.

NOTE: **Pump out flooded basements slowly, and after water has receded from your property to avoid possible structural damage.**

Other Requirements and Considerations

All flood damaged building materials such as drywall, insulation, paneling and plywood must be replaced. Studs and other framing members must be thoroughly dried out and possibly professionally treated for mold and mildew.

Heating and air conditioning systems, including ductwork, will need to be inspected by a qualified professional. Ductwork will need to be cleaned and disinfected.

The following list indicates equipment that should be replaced:

- Gas fired equipment
- Appliances (furnace motors, washing machines, ovens refrigerators, televisions etc.)
- Circuit breakers and fuses
- Receptacles and switches
- Wiring not rated for wet locations

Hazardous Materials

- Be aware of residue that might be left in your home from pesticides, fuel oil, gasoline, chemicals or other substances that came in contact with floodwater.

Biological Hazards

- Floodwater may have left bacteria or viruses inside your home. They could cause illness if you breathe them in or if they enter through a cut in your skin.
- Almost any material that is wet for more than 24-hours can grow mold and mildew. Some molds produce toxins that cause other illnesses.