



# HURRICANE CLEANUP SAFETY TIPS

It's important to stay safe in the aftermath of a hurricane. Follow these basic do's and don'ts of hurricane cleanup safety tips to protect you and your family.



## DO

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- **Do clean and disinfect everything** that was wet. Mud left from floodwater can contain sewage, bacteria, and chemicals.
- **Do avoid drinking tap water** until you know it's safe. If unsure, boil or purify it first.
- **Do watch out for snakes, wasps nests, and other displaced wildlife** while clearing storm debris.
- **Do wear personal protective equipment** to avoid injury from possible exposure to mold and bacteria, including gloves, goggles, N95 masks, and rubber boots.

## DON'T

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- **Don't wade in floodwaters**, which can contain dangerous debris like broken glass, sewage, gas, oil, and downed power lines.
- **Don't use electrical equipment** if it is wet or if you are standing in water.
- **Don't enter a building until it has been inspected** for damage to the electrical system, gas lines, septic systems, and water lines or wells.
- **Don't eat food from a flooded garden.** When in doubt, throw it out.

The storm has passed, but the real work is just beginning. Contact ServiceMaster DSI today for help.



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