


Septics & Wells

Safety During Flooding




Before flooding

Prepare for the flood's crest.



Plug floor drains to keep sewage out



Seal openings of above-ground systems to keep silt out of the system



Read the Health Department's Septics & Wells handouts

During flooding



- ✓ Do NOT use your private sewage system; use a large container with a tight fitting lid as a temporary toilet.
- ✓ Do NOT drink your well water; it may be contaminated by the flood water. Drink bottled water or disinfect water before drinking.



After flooding

- ✓ Read and follow the Septics & Wells handouts on how to inspect your systems and begin clean-up
- ✓ Call a professional if:
 - *You get a bad water test from your well
 - *You think your septic tank is damaged

Available upon request:



Clean-up kits

Debris pick-up



Visit the Scott County Health Department's website for more information about kits, debris pick-up, and safety information:

www.scottcountyiowa.com/health