



CLEAN UP PROCEDURE FOR SEWAGE BACKUP

The following are guidelines regarding the clean up of surfaces contaminated with sewage.

1. All sewage debris, including feces and toilet paper, should be cleaned up and removed from floor surfaces and other surfaces. This material may be flushed down a properly functioning toilet or placed in double-bagged plastic sacks for proper disposal.
2. All surfaces should be thoroughly cleaned with hot water and detergent. Most household detergent cleaners, such as Tide, Bold, Spic-n-Span, etc., would be appropriate for this type of clean up.
3. After clean-up, all surfaces should be sanitized. This can be accomplished by using common household bleach mixed with water at 1 part bleach to 10 parts water. Mop or wipe this solution on the cleaned surfaces and allow to air dry. Be sure to provide proper ventilation during this process. *Caution: Do not mix this material with soap (Step 2). This material may bleach some materials.*

4. When carpet is involved we recommend having the carpet professionally steamed cleaned.
5. It is important to use good personal hygiene during any sewage clean up. This means rubber gloves and rubber boots should be worn. Clothes worn during clean up should be washed separately when clean up is completed. Lastly, all persons involved in the clean up activities are strongly advised to, carefully and thoroughly, wash their hands. Any exposed areas of their arms and their face prior to eating, drinking or smoking.

The above procedures are recommended by Marion County Health Department, the City of Salem and the Department of Environmental Quality.

If any additional questions arise, please call 588-6063 and request a Pollution Control Inspector to respond.