Flood Water Safety Checklist

Small steps. Practical preparation. Keep this page where you can find it.

RIGHT AFTER THE FLOOD

- ☐ Stop drinking suspect water and don't use it for cooking, ice, or teeth.
- ☐ Don't trust clear-looking water; it can hide bacteria and chemicals.
- ☐ Switch to stored bottled water or supplies from local emergency crews.
- ☐ Follow any boil-water notice until officials cancel it.

TEST, TREAT, AND CONFIRM

- ☐ Test your water with a strip kit or a lab kit once it's safe to return.
- ☐ If officials confirm germs are the concern, boil clear water or use tablets as directed.
- ☐ Clean and restart a flooded well; get professional help if unsure.
- ☐ Re-test after disinfecting and wait for clean results before normal use.

SAFETY NOTE Stay away from flooded washes, streams, and roads; just six inches of moving water can knock you down. Keep clear of damaged power lines.

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Full guide: readyguidance.com/skills/flood-water-safety/

Safety reference: https://www.yavapaiaz.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/resident-services/environmental-safety/documents/march2012.pdf