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- Keep ventilation in house (doors and windows open) while working with bleach. Turn fan on if you have one.
- Wear Rubber boots or water proof shoes, and old clothes that you don't mind throwing away.
- Put on Latex gloves, mask and safety goggles.
- Put work gloves on OVER latex gloves.

Step One: Removal

- Remove furniture.
- Cut carpet in 2' strips and pull out.
- Wood floors and tile may need to be removed down to sub-floor.
- Use the chalk line to mark a line 2' above the high water mark. Cut through dry wall or paneling. (Try to cut walls at 2' or 4' heights. This will make installation of new walls easier and more cost effect.)
- Take out the cut wall material.
- Cut insulation at same height as wall and remove.
- If electrical wiring has cloth or paper insulation, it must be removed to last junction above high water mark.
- Pull all nails from exposed wall studs.

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- Spray walls (exposed studs) with mixture.
- Wash walls with a pressure washer using the jet setting of nozzle.
- Use a squeegee or broom to push water out of house.
- Spray walls again with bleach mixture, but do NOT wash this spraying off.
- Let walls completely dry before installing new walls.

Things to remember:

- The flood environment is a highly contaminated area. Any personal injuries should be immediately cleaned and bandaged.
- Refrigerators and freezers cannot be salvaged and should be disposed. Do NOT clean out. Use duct tape to seal the appliance, and then remove it from the house.
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