

# Flood Cleanup and the Air in Your Home

**Flood water can make the air in your home unhealthy.**



This is because when things get wet for more than 2 days they usually get moldy. There may also be germs and bugs in your home after a flood.



**Clean and dry your house and everything in it.**

Clean and dry hard surfaces. Throw away anything that was wet with flood water and can't be cleaned.



**What to wear when cleaning:**

- ✓ A N-95 respirator (found at Hardware stores)
- ✓ Goggles
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and
- ✓ boots or work shoes

**Use portable generators OUTSIDE and far away from the building.**

The exhaust, or fumes, from a portable generator could kill you in minutes if you breathe it in!



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Find more on the EPA website [www.epa.gov/sandy](http://www.epa.gov/sandy)