

## FLOOD DAMAGE SURVEY

NY Sea Grant and Cornell University will conduct a standardized high water impact survey in the areas along southern and eastern Lake Ontario. The information will be used to identify areas that are most vulnerable to high water levels in the future and to inform future community flood risk planning.

To participate, call **315.331.8415** or email [mp357@cornell.edu](mailto:mp357@cornell.edu).



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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### OSWEGO COUNTY FLOOD RECOVERY INFORMATION

<http://www.oswegocounty.com/legislature/flood%20assistance.html>

### LAKE ONTARIO HOMEOWNER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

NEIGHBORS OF WATERTOWN, INC.

[http://www.neighborsofwatertown.com/  
Floodinfo@neighborsofwatertown.com](http://www.neighborsofwatertown.com/Floodinfo@neighborsofwatertown.com)  
315-782-8497

### OSWEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

315.591.9150

### FLOOD-RELATED HEALTH CONCERNS:

[healthdept@oswegocounty.com](mailto:healthdept@oswegocounty.com)

NYS FLOODING HOTLINE:

866.244.3839

AMERICAN RED CROSS:

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help>  
(1.800)733.2767

NYS DEC REGION 7

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/89343.html>  
315.426.7438

EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT SMALL  
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE:

[nyscentralny@esd.ny.gov](mailto:nyscentralny@esd.ny.gov)  
315.425.9110

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
AGENCY [FEMA] RECOVERY RESOURCES

<https://www.fema.gov/recovery-resources>

NYS DEPT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
EMERGENCY SERVICES

<http://www.dhses.ny.gov/recovery/>

# STEPS<sup>to</sup>FLOOD RECOVERY

in  
OSWEGO COUNTY, NY

What You Need to Know

## ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES FOR OSWEGO COUNTY FLOODING VICTIMS

People who are impacted by the high water levels of Lake Ontario are faced with many challenges. This brochure outlines steps you can take to recover from a flood and tells you where you can get more information.

### Drinking Water Precautions

If you see water around or in your well, it's probably flooded. Take steps to disinfect it, or contact a well contractor or driller to disinfect it after the floodwaters recede. Use water from a safe public water supply, or bottled water, until your well has been disinfected.

Residents in flooded areas should avoid using water from private wells for drinking or cooking until it is determined to be safe for consumption. After an initial assessment and any needed repairs, the well should be flushed and disinfected.

Free coliform bacteria sampling kits are available, for a limited time, to flood victims. Testing kits may be picked up at the Health Department's Environmental Health Division, 70 Bunner St., Oswego. For more information about the testing process or to request a kit, call the Environmental Health Division weekdays between 8:30am and 4:00pm at **315.349.3557** or email [healthdept@oswegocounty.com](mailto:healthdept@oswegocounty.com).



## GIVE YOUR HOME OR COTTAGE FIRST AID

**Turn off the electricity and gas.**

**Unplug all flooded appliances  
-with the power turned off.**

**Take photos to document the damage.**

**Remove keepsakes and other valuables  
-begin salvaging them.**

**Begin removing mud and other debris  
from the home while it is still damp.**

**Get fresh air moving through the home.**

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### Protect Yourself from Mold and Dust

The Oswego County Health Department has delivered a supply of N95 disposable safety masks to town clerks in Sandy Creek, Richland, Mexico, New Haven, Scriba and Oswego. N95 masks are also available at the Environmental Division of the Health Department.

Although the N95 mask resembles a paper dust mask, officials caution that the paper dust mask offers less protection.

Those with pre-existing conditions that impact breathing such as asthma, COPD, or emphysema should check with their healthcare provider before using a mask.

### Take Care of Your Health by Getting a Tetanus Shot

Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine is available at no cost, for a limited time, to Oswego County residents who have been affected by the flooding.

For an appointment to receive a tetanus vaccine, call the Health Department weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at **315.349.3547**.