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Flagler officials urge storm water safety

October 9, 2016 – Flagler County officials are urging residents to follow safety tips around flood water.

“Flood water is its own safety hazard,” said Steve Garten, Flagler County Public Safety Emergency Manager. “Please use caution around standing water.”

Safety tips:

- Clean and dry everything that got wet, as flood waters pick up sewage and chemicals from roads and commercial buildings.
- Throw out spoiled and cosmetics and medications that have gotten wet. They are a health hazard. Contact the Health Department at 386-437-7358 to dispose of medications.
- Do not let children play in or around high water, storm drains or ditches. Besides drowning risks, the water could be contaminated. Additionally, debris and other hazards may not be visible beneath the surface.
- Look before you step. Floors and stairs may be covered with slippery mud, or other hazardous materials.
- Remember there are animal hazards such as snakes, rodents (and other small animals), fire ants and scorpions. Any or all of these creatures could have entered homes and buildings looking for shelter.

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