

Town of Union and Village of Johnson City

Department of Code Enforcement and Permits

Frequently Asked Flood Related Questions:

1. If my home was inundated by the recent flood, how far should I go to clean the property if I cannot return to the property?

It is the homeowner's responsibility to clear the property of food and items that absorb water (i.e., carpeting, clothes and other items made of fabric) in order to avoid the growth of mold and to keep the property safe from rodents.

2. I've been told by my insurance adjuster that I have to strip the interior of the property "down to the studs" in order to receive the proceeds I'm entitled to. Is that true?

You must follow the guidance of your insurance adjuster in order to benefit from your policy.

3. I am not physically able to clean my property and need to know how I can comply with the cleaning requirements. What should I do?

You will need to hire a professional cleaning service or obtain help from one of the many volunteer organizations that are willing to help out with cleaning. Please contact the Town of Union for the names and phone numbers of these organizations at 786-2995 or dial 211 ("First Call") for assistance.

4. I plan to walk away from my property and hope to obtain a buyout at a later date. Can I walk just walk away?

Once again, it is the homeowner's responsibility to clear the property of food and items that absorb water (i.e., carpeting, clothes and other items made of fabric) in order to avoid the growth of mold and to keep the property safe from rodents. In addition, it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the exterior of the property and to secure their property so that it has no adverse effects on the neighborhood. If you would like specific guidance on this, please contact Code Enforcement at 607-786-2920.

5. I want to be a participant in a buyout. How do I go about doing this?

Although a buyout program has not yet been formally established by the Federal, State or Local governments, we are establishing a list of prospective candidates for a buyout. In order to receive information on potential buyout, please contact the Town of Union Supervisor's office at 786-2995 to provide relevant information so that we may contact you as information becomes available.