

# SEWAGE CLEANUP

After a disaster, quickly clean up sewage backup to prevent illness



## What are the health risks of sewage?

- Sewage contains bacteria, viruses, and other germs that can cause diseases and contaminate a home, making it unsafe to live in.
- Symptoms from sewage exposure may include:
  - Diarrhea
  - Stomach pain
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Vomiting
  - Skin rashes/infection
- Contact your medical provider right away and stay vaccinated.

## What can I do to keep it from backing up?

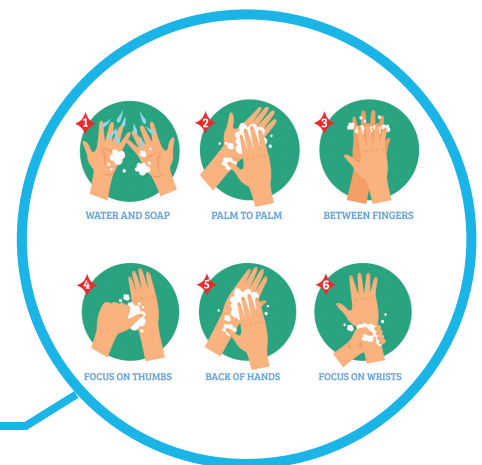
- Limit the amount of water going down the drain. Do not flush toilets.
- Try to find other locations to use the bathroom, shower, and wash clothes.

## What should I do when cleaning up sewage?

If possible, hire a professional company. If YOU do the cleanup, protect yourself!!

- Keep children and pets out of the area.
- Protect yourself by wearing long pants, long sleeve shirts, rubber boots, goggles/protective face masks, and waterproof gloves.
- Use cleaning supplies such as brooms, mops, buckets, hoses, and disinfectants.
- Clean and disinfect\* all items and surfaces touched by sewage.
- Wash hands thoroughly after cleaning.

*\*Use 1 cup of unscented household bleach in 5 gallons of water.*



## ALWAYS throw away:

- Items that cannot be washed and disinfected, such as cosmetics, books, mattresses, stuffed animals, toys, carpets, and upholstered furniture.
- Food, medicines, and medical supplies that may have come in contact with sewage water.

**Protect your family. Protect yourself. Clean up sewage!**