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Manufactured homes potentially impacted by flooding

How to ensure the safety of manufactured homes

SPRINGFIELD - Due to flooding in many areas of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Public Health Division of Environmental Health encourages municipalities that have manufactured home communities or manufactured homes installed on private property within their jurisdiction, to notify the manufactured home residents and park managers of possible hazards caused by flooding.

Recommendations include:

- Retest gas line systems if leakage is suspected.
- A licensed installer should check soils around footings if washout has occurred, check shims and piers for stability and check anchors for stability from withdrawal.
- Electrical equipment that has been submerged should be checked by the local electric utility or an electrician.
- Water and sewer line hookups should be checked for proper connection, slope and leaks. A licensed plumber should make any re-connections of the plumbing if disconnected.
- Remove adequate skirting around home to allow drying.
- Check for water in ductwork and remove.
- Check and clean water lines.
- Homes with water damage to the floors and walls should be treated to remove moisture from the building components.

The above are recommendations and are not required. They are meant as examples of items that should be checked for the protection of the homeowners and the value of their manufactured homes. In some cases, if water did not touch the bottom of the manufactured home, only footings, piers and anchors may need to be inspected for damage. Any corrections to the support and anchoring of the home should be performed by an Illinois licensed manufactured home installer or the homeowner in accordance with the homes installation instructions.

For more information call the Illinois Department of Public Health Division of Environmental Health at 217-782-5830.

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