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Flood Damage Information

As most of Northern Michigan has dealt with flood waters, and many still under water, some helpful information for the residents of Presque Isle County:

If you received small amounts of water inside your home, you should begin the drying process as soon as possible to avoid compromising structural members of the building, premature rot/decay of wood, and mold growth. Remove any porous materials due to possible contaminants in storm water, such as carpet and padding, drywall, insulation, etc.

If you unfortunately had or currently have large amounts of water inside your home, or have been affected by ice push off the lakes, your home should be assessed by a licensed professional to determine the extent of the damage as soon as it is able to be safely entered.

Due to the extent of the floodwaters, electrical components that have been submerged in water need to be evaluated by a licensed electrician. In most cases, replacement may be necessary before power can be restored.

Septics and drainfields should be evaluated by a professional prior to use and should not be pumped out during high water times.

Contact the Presque Isle County Building Department, if you have any questions or concerns during this tough time. We can assist with contractor lists, all licensed, and assist you through the permitting and inspection process.

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