



Scott County Health Department

Private Wells and Flooding



- If you know or suspect that your private well has been affected by flood waters **STOP** using your well water immediately for drinking, cooking, laundry and bathing.



- Obtain water known to be safe from another source or use bottled water. **DO NOT** boil your flood contaminated well water. Boiling flood contaminated well water will concentrate any chemicals that may be in the water.



- After flood waters have receded and it is safe to check your well, it is important to shock chlorinate your well with bleach. Information on the chlorination process can be found here:

<https://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health/public-safety-program/flood-clean-safety>



- Call Scott County Health Department for free well testing after the flood waters have receded: (563) 326-8618. Continue to use bottled water or a safe water supply for cooking, laundry, and bathing until a laboratory has verified that your well water is safe to drink.

