

# Flood Waters Cause Havoc In All Sections



What Now? Tony Verduce, of Plymouth, Sits in Flooded Basement

## What To Do About Flood Health Hazards

Several health hazards can arise from serious flooding, the Wayne County Environmental Health Division cautioned yesterday.

In a similar statement, Detroit Edison warned about possible electrocution in fully charged waters in home basements.

ACCORDING TO Edison, switches and fuses in a basement could be shorted out if the water came up that high. A short would leave the water with a powerful and lethal charge.

No one should try to shut off electricity to their home, or pull fuses out, spokesmen for Edison said.

Plug outlets are not as dangerous if they are not energized unless an appliance is plugged in and running.

Homeowners may call local Detroit Edison offices, or Customer service, WO 2-6800 for immediate information; service men will also come and shut the power off, if necessary.

HEALTH PROBLEMS can result from flood waters loaded with sewage. The following precautionary steps were urged by the county health department for use both during and after flooding:

(1) While your basement is still flooded, avoid flushing toilets or using other water connected appliances or fixtures whose discharge would increase the hazard or make your basement more difficult to clean.

(2) Do not handle any connected electrical cords or appliances while standing in water or on the wet floor until all power has been shut off. Call the electrical utility service department for assistance before attempting to disconnect cords or open the fuse box in a flooded basement.

(3) After cleaning the basement the individual should make sure that all clothing and parts of the body which come in contact with the sewage are washed. Prevent the tracking of sewage into the living quarters of the house. Do not allow children to enter the basement until after the floors and walls have been washed, disinfected and dried.

(5) Clothing, carpets, upholstered furniture, toys, bedding, and similar items should be discarded unless they are cleaned and disinfected. Some salvage agencies or companies are equipped to process contaminated material without hazard to employees or eventual customers.

Discarded clothing should not be left accessible to unauthorized scavengers pending pickup. Stores with flood damaged merchandise are required to obtain clearance from the health department before offering any such goods for sale.

(6) After the sewage has receded, flush the floors and walls with water from a hose then wash with detergent and hot water. Keep the hose stream away from electrical equipment or wiring unless it is completely disconnected.

Disinfect the floors and walls as high as they were wet using a chlorine solution. Household laundry bleach diluted

about one-half cup to one cup per gallon of water is a satisfactory and inexpensive disinfectant. Ventilate the basement thoroughly to assist drying. The disinfection solution will aid in deodorizing the basement. Elevate all material stored in the basement above the high water level to prevent damage in case of a recurrence of flooding.

(7) Check all affected pilot lights or burners on gas fired or oil fired appliances. If electricity is connected to an appliance which has had the motor controls submerged, do not attempt to start until you have consulted your appliance service company or dealer.

If gas is used, turn off the gas supply to the main burner. After about five minutes light the pilot burner in accordance with equipment instructions. If pilot will not light, turn off supply to pilot and call your appliance service company or dealer.



Boys Thought This Was Fun in Hines Park — Then Two Slipped Off and Drowned.



Ken Schrader, of Plymouth, was still moving articles Thursday a.m.



Out of Basement Onto Already Flooded Yard



Looking For More Water Dripping Through Roof Is Mrs. Alice Farsakian of Plymouth



A Welcome Sign in Parkway — Not Welcome Scene