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State offers first steps toward flood recovery

SALEM – If your home or business has been flooded as a result of recent storms, a few steps taken now can lead to better recovery. Begin cleaning up and drying out as soon it is safe to do so by following these steps:

- Wearing rubber boots, shut off the electricity at the breaker box. Flooded buildings can present multiple hazards, including electrical shock.
- Keep extension cords out of the water.
- Ask your electrical utility for help, if needed.
- Remove wet insulation from under flooded buildings as soon as it is safe.
- Before reentering a building, check the building for structural damage. Do not move back in to a building until it has been inspected and deemed safe to occupy.
- For more information and assistance, contact your local city or county government planning office or building official.
- If you have flood insurance, contact your insurance agent right away. For information about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), call 1-800-427-4219.

The American Red Cross offers a useful booklet entitled: “Repairing Your Flooded Home.” This booklet can be downloaded from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) website. Printed copies are available at your local government office.

FEMA also offers the following tips for recovery:

- Call your mortgage company.
- Store wet, valuable papers in a freezer, until you have time to work on them.
- Photograph flooded buildings, both the inside and outside, after flood waters recede.

Homes and businesses with flood insurance that have been extensively damaged may qualify for Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) coverage. Projects funded using ICC, such as building elevation or relocation, can help reduce future flood losses. Contact your insurance agent or local building official for more information.

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