

## **NOTICE TO GARFIELD RESIDENTS**

### **GARFIELD HEALTH DEPARTMENT FLOOD WATER CLEAN-UP AND CONTAINMENT PRECAUTIONS**

This message is directed toward those personnel involved with flood water clean-up and /or containment. It is imperative that universal precautions be used at all times.

Universal precautions include heavy duty, water proof boots, and gloves. Water proof pants are advised. Keep hands away from face and eyes. Launder and dry clothing.

After a major flood it is often difficult to maintain good hygiene during clean-up operations. To avoid waterborne disease, it is important to wash your hands with soap and clean running water, including rubbing your hands together vigorously for at least 20 seconds, especially during work breaks, meal breaks, and at the end of the work shift.

When doing clean-up in a basement for example an EPA approved tuberculocidal solution, as noted on the label, or use a 1-10 oz. ratio solution of bleach and water. Bleach should not be mixed with any other substance except water.

For further information please refer to the website [www.bergenhealth.org](http://www.bergenhealth.org) or contact the Garfield Health Department at (973) 340-3340, office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.