

SELF ASSESSMENT FOR FLOOD PROOFING NEEDS

In order to identify the potential of damage and disruption to your home, you must view your home through a perspective as if you have just returned to it following a flood. Imagine that it has been flooded to a level of 3 feet above the first floor. Walk in the front door and look at everything lower than 3 feet. It is not only wet but also packed full of silt and mud. Carpets, stuffed furniture, walls, cabinets, floors, books, mattresses, clothing, most everything is damaged beyond repair. You open an

old trunk of keepsakes and find, instead of family photos and memorabilia, a muddy, wet mess. They are irreplaceable, gone. You see some bugs crawling around. You wonder if there may be a snake or other threatening critters lurking within.

Now consider how you would feel faced with the prospects of having to take on recovery. What are your physical limitations? Many deaths occur during flooding events not as a result of drowning



Homeowner sorting through belongings in the aftermath of flooding

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