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## Private Driveways – Grading, Filling, Removing or Disturbing Soil

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## Private wells and drinking water

Floodwaters and runoff may affect private wells. Well owners who observe flooding or changes in their water should assume their wells are contaminated and should stop drinking the water. Homeowners are encouraged to make sure their wells are properly disinfected, and then sample the well after pumping and disinfection to assure the water is safe.

- Wells located in pits, basements and low-lying areas are especially susceptible to contamination.
- Even without obvious signs of flooding, a well can become contaminated. More [recommendations for private well owners](#) whose wells have been inundated are available on the DNR website.

More information on bacteriological contamination of drinking water wells, along with lists of licensed well drillers, pump installer and labs certified to analyze water samples are available by searching the DNR website, [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), for the keyword "[wells](#)."



## Storm water runoff for projects (> 1 acre)

The Storm Water Program regulates storm water discharges from construction sites, industrial facilities and municipalities. Construction projects requiring permit coverage include activities that disturb one acre or more of land through:

- clearing;
- grading;
- excavating, or
- stockpiling of fill material.

Landowners of most construction projects where one or more acres of land will be disturbed must submit an application called a [Water Resource Application for Project Permits \(WRAPP\)](#)

## Repairing roads, bridges, culverts, driveways and trails

**Private:** DNR water management specialists and water management engineers may be able to expedite projects including some types of **private** bridges, culverts and roads in an officially declared disaster area. Information on whether a [project qualifies for expedited review and how to proceed \[PDF\]](#) is available on the DNR website.

**Public:** Please contact your local DNR transportation liaison for activities related to repair/replacement of **public** roadways, bridges, and culverts. An expedited approval process is being used in the emergency flood response area to ensure public transportation infrastructure is repaired in a timely manner.

## Manage debris and waste after a flood

After floodwaters recede, homeowners and others face the often daunting chore of disposing of waterlogged debris. It is important to dispose of debris quickly but safely, protecting human health and the environment in both the short and long term. The bottom line: don't burn or bury debris, recycle where possible, separate hazardous materials and landfill the rest. Above all, be safe.

- The DNR has compiled information on how to dispose of specific materials and items. Visit [Cleaning up storm debris](#) for more information. You can also contact local authorities to find out if there are special arrangements or resources for cleaning up and disposing of storm and flood debris.

