



"BETTER BY THE BAY"

Metro Fire Department

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## **\*\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\*\***

The Green Bay Metro Fire Department is lifting the Emergency Evacuation for the previously flooded areas along the East River as of 10 AM on 3-17-19.

Property owners in the affected areas should call 920-448-3300 to contact building inspectors for a life safety home inspection. The property owner of any condemned structure should be accompanied by building inspectors prior to entering to the structure.

The bridge over the East River at Mason Street will remain closed pending an inspection.

If you are returning to the area, please use caution.

Be sure to stay safe by following all of these recommendations from the CDC and FEMA:

1. If you were evacuated, try to return to your home during the daytime so that you do not have to use any lights. Use battery-powered flashlights and lanterns, rather than candles, gas lanterns, or torches.
2. Be aware of the risk of electrocution. Do NOT touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water.
3. If it is safe to do so, turn off the electricity to prevent electric shock. If you must enter standing water to access the main power switch, STOP and call an electrician to turn it off. NEVER enter standing water to access the main power switch, turn power on or off, or use an electric tool or appliance while standing in water.

4. **Have an electrician check the house's electrical system before turning the power on again.**
5. **If you smell gas or suspect a leak, leave your house immediately then call 9-1-1. Do not return until you are told it is safe to do so.**
6. **If the house has been closed up for several days, enter briefly to open doors and windows to let the house air out for at least 30 minutes before you stay for any length of time.**
7. **If your home has been flooded and has been closed up for several days, assume your home has mold.**
8. **If your home has been flooded, it also may be contaminated with sewage.**

**If your electrical and plumbing components, structural integrity, and/or HVAC (furnace) are compromised, your house is not fit to live in. Do not stay in the home if any of these systems are not functioning properly. Call 9-1-1 if you require immediate assistance.**