

## **FLOODED?**

### What are your next steps?

#### **1. Apply to FEMA**

This is required in order for you to receive short-term and long-term assistance. THE FEMA Hotline is 1-888-435-6637

#### **2. Contact Your Insurance Agent**

If you have flood insurance, make sure to file a claim of flood loss.

#### **3. Dry/Clean Out Your Home**

Open up the house, use fans, and discard flood-damaged materials. This will help to reduce the chance of mold and other health hazards.

#### **4. Apply for Assistance from the Small Business Administration (SBA)**

Some state –funded programs may require you to be turned for SBA loan assistance in order to receive grant funding for “unmet needs” repair/elevation/replacement housing assistance.

#### **5. Save Receipts**

Make sure to save all receipts for all expenditures made for debris removal, cleanup, and repairs in a secure location.

#### **6. Apply for Long - Term Assistance**

Disaster recovery is a long-term process. If you are displaced due to severe flood damage, find safe temporary housing (plan for a year) and determine your best options once funding assistance is available. If you can repair your damage with insurance proceeds, do so, but you may still be available for acquisition or elevation assistance through Bertie County. You may obtain applications for long-term acquisition/elevation/repair/replacement housing assistance programs by contacting Traci White at (252) 794-6185.