

Flood Water-Exposed Freezers & Fridges: *Disposal recommended due to health risks*

Fridges or freezers that have been exposed to flood water pose risks to health and should not be used again, following exposure.

Flood water carries raw sewage and disease-causing bacteria. Insulation materials within flood-exposed fridges and freezers likely absorbed this contaminated water, which will pose significant ongoing risk to health.

There is also significant potential for mould to grow within flood water-exposed insulation materials, and the spores of this mould can become airborne and circulate within the food-storage areas of the fridge and/or freezer, if the fridge or freezer is put into use again (following exposure).

If your fridge and/or freezer was exposed to flood water, it should be discarded and should not be used again.

Remember to also ensure that other flood-exposed appliances or electrical equipment (including water heaters and furnaces) are inspected by certified technicians, before use.