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The City of Goldsboro discourages people from scavenging from what people are throwing out due to health concerns.

Goldsboro, NC - As citizens clean up the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, the City of Goldsboro discourages people from scavenging from what people are throwing out due to health concerns. Houses that have been flooded are likely to have mold and/or mildew. Please see the cautionary information below.

Mold & Mildew: Houses that have been flooded are likely to have mold and/or mildew occurring. As people return to their homes and begin cleanup, please keep the following in mind:

- Use personal protective equipment, i.e. gloves, masks, to minimize exposure to chemicals and pollutants.
- Always use proper hand washing with soap and water after handling flood materials.
- Work to create a well-ventilated area, using fans and open windows/doors to promote good air circulation, to speed up the drying process for reducing moisture issues.
- People with asthma or other respiratory conditions should avoid extended exposure to areas with mold and mildew to minimize complications.
- Use appropriate cleaning materials and always follow instructions for any cleaning chemicals that are being used.
- Discard all porous materials, such as mattresses, couches, carpet, etc., that cannot be adequately cleaned and/or disinfected to prevent the reemergence of mold and mildew.
- More information from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services regarding cleanup will be posted on the county's website at www.waynegov.com and its social media channels at @waynecountync1 on Twitter and Wayne County Government on Facebook.

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