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### **Elevated groundwater and flooding can cause chemical contamination**

Recent excessive rain in the interior has raised surface water and groundwater levels throughout the Borough.

Flooding or increased groundwater can damage underground fuel tanks and home sewage systems.

This can lead to petroleum or sewage contamination in your yard or your drinking water well.

A flooded basement or crawlspace can also bring this contamination back into the home.

Increased moisture can also grow mold, damage the structure and contaminate food.

For information on dealing with contaminants from flooding and excess groundwater, call the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation at 451-2121 or Visit DEC's website at [dec.alaska.gov](http://dec.alaska.gov).

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