

Mayo Clinic Minute

Hurricane aftermath concerns

Video	Audio
Courtesy: Brandon Buturovich	A moment of calm ...
	... then the storm
	... followed by new concerns for those affected by the powerful aftermath of a hurricane.
	Recovery after a natural disaster may take days, weeks or even months.
	The early stages may mean lack of water and electricity. And without power, refrigerated food may spoil putting people at risk of a foodborne illness like salmonella.
	And without access to clean water, bacterial risks increase.
Pritish Tosh, M.D. Infectious Diseases Mayo Clinic	“... things like E. coli, Shigella, other types coliform bacteria, things that normally you would see in stool.
	Mayo Clinic infectious diseases specialist Dr. Pritish Tosh says ...
	“In an aftermath of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, people may be tempted just to drink whatever water they get their hands on, assuming it’s safe or not knowing what the consequences could be.”
	If bottled water is not available, one minute of a roiling boil is sufficient to kill bacteria in water.
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Jason Howland.