

# THE WETTEST WINTER IN 250 YEARS

## RAINFALL BY REGION (mm)

	AVERAGE	DEC 13/JAN 14	INCREASE
UK	241	368	52%
England Southeast & Central South	163	372	127%
Scotland East	241	401	66%
England Southwest & Wales South	281	451	60%
Midlands	152	240	57%
England Northwest & Wales North	280	397	41%
England East & Northeast	145	194	33%
North Ireland	239	308	33%
Scotland North	483	511	5%



The cost of clearing up after this winter's floods and storms could hit

£1 BN

More than  
**3,000**  
servicemen and women drafted to help.  
**2,000**  
are in reserve.

River Severn average height ranges from 1.2m to 3.6m. With the rain, highs have reached up to 5.6m.

5.6M

Government is providing  
**10,000**  
sandbags to councils per day. More than  
**20,000**  
were needed in one Thames Valley town alone

**8,000**  
homes have been flooded so far and

**80,000**  
homes and business were without power

**28,420**  
acres of farmland flooded by

**65M**  
cubic metres of water

## FLOOD RECOVERY CHECKLIST



Search for any structural damage. be cautious moving around your house.



Service any septic tanks, pipes, ducts etc. that may have been damaged.

3.6M



Assess and document interior damages. write a damage inventory include photographs and values.



You may need to pump or otherwise drain lower areas, such as basements.



Contact your insurance agency to file a claim.



Move wet contents outside to prevent mould.



Keep your electricity off, until a trained electrician has completed a thorough inspection and standing water has been removed.



Clean up with disinfectant. Floodwater residue/mud can be harmful (use gloves and wellington boots).



Use bottled water or boil any tap water that you use until authorities say it's safe.



Open windows to encourage airflow. Use a dehumidifier or fans to help expedite the drying process. You can also use chemical desiccants.

1.2M

### SOURCES

<http://www.bbc.co.uk>  
<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk>  
<http://www.theguardian.com>  
<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/>  
<http://www.bloomberg.com/>  
<http://www.redcross.org/>  
<http://www.ready.gov/>

### ICON DESIGN ATIBUTIONS

Boots by James Keuning  
Houses by Lil Squid  
Cow by Reuben  
Window by Pieter J. Smits  
Helicopter by Olivier Guin  
Boat by Joan Cima  
Insurance by Matt Scribner

Water Pump by Mikkel Kraijer  
Clouded by Raymond Felix  
Light Bulb by Monika Ciapala