



WATER DAMAGE

Water damage arises from fire damage, broken pipes, blocked drains, malfunctioning appliances, storms, and other causes. Whatever the origin, the prospects for restoration depend largely on the speed with which structure and contents can be dried. Even clean water can generate mildew and other bacterial growth, if neglected.

The appropriate treatment depends on the nature of the damage.

Be sure to read below for some very helpful tips.

DO NOT!

- ▲ DO NOT operate TV's, vacuums or other appliances while standing on wet carpet or floors, especially not on concrete floors. Serious injury may occur.
- ▲ DO NOT use an ordinary household vacuum to remove water.
- ▲ DO NOT go into a room with standing water if the electricity is still on.
- ▲ DO NOT lift tacked down carpet without professional help. Lifting the carpet incorrectly could promote shrinkage.
- ▲ DO NOT use heat to dry closed building interiors. Mildew and expanded moisture damage may result.
- ▲ DO NOT leave wet fabrics in place. DO space them apart and dry as soon as possible.
- ▲ DO NOT wait to call for professional help!

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- ▲ Ventilate wet areas. Turn on air conditioning for accelerated drying in the summer. In winter, alternate cycles of opened windows & heating. Better yet, call a professional and use dehumidifiers.
- ▲ Use fans to circulate the air and assist drying.
- ▲ Remove standing water from flat surfaces by mopping, sponging and blotting.
- ▲ Remove saturated rugs & carpets where hardwood floors are at risk.
- ▲ Lift draperies off carpet, hook through a coat hanger, and place the hanger on the drapery rod.
- ▲ Stay out of rooms or areas where ceilings are sagging from retained water.
- ▲ Move computers to a dry location, remove cases and blow dry with low air pressure.
- ▲ Remove lamps, telephones & decorative items from wet furniture tops to a safe, dry location.
- ▲ Open furniture drawers, cabinets, closet doors, and luggage for interior drying. DO NOT force open stuck drawers or doors.
- ▲ Wipe off wet furniture; prop up wet furniture cushions. Place aluminum foil squares, plastic wrap or wood blocks under furniture legs to avoid carpet staining.
- ▲ Freeze valuable books and documents to retard mildew growth until drying can be performed.
- ▲ Retain a Restoration Contractor to work with you to prevent additional damage.