

Water Damage Tips For Homeowners

The effective treatment for water damage depends on the nature of the damage and how quickly the building and personal property can be dried. The following practical tips can help the homeowner determine the contamination level and provide guidance for dealing with the problem before our professionals arrive.

TYPE	SANITARY	UNSANITARY	BLACK WATER
Identification	May include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uncontaminated sink overflows • ruptured pipes • roof leaks 	Any water with biopolutant contamination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • punctured waterbeds • toilet and dishwasher overflows 	Water that has come in contact with the ground or that contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • raw sewage • chemicals
Do...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilate wet areas. • Remove standing water from flat surfaces by sponging and blotting. • Take up saturated rugs and carpets when hardwood floors are at risk. • Stay out of rooms where ceilings are sagging from retained water. • Transport computers and electronics to a dry spot. • Remove decorative items from wet furniture tops. • Freeze valuable books and documents to retard mildew growth until drying can be performed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat all water-impacted surfaces and furnishings as toxic, until properly decontaminated. • Keep children and pets out of contaminated areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat all water-impacted surfaces and furnishings as toxic, until properly decontaminated. • Wash your hands frequently to prevent further contamination • Keep children and pets out of contaminated areas.
Do Not...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate TVs, vacuums or other appliances while standing on wet carpet or floors. • Use heat to dry closed building interiors. Mildew and expanded moisture damage may result. • Leave wet fabrics in place; space them apart and dry as soon as possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track contaminated material in to undamaged areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt to decontaminate surfaces with sprays and over-the-counter germicidal products, which may not fully disinfect contaminated surfaces.

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