

minimizing water damage



DOs AND DON'Ts FOR PROPERTY OWNERS:

MOST IMPORTANT – ELIMINATE THE SOURCE OF THE WATER.

Cleanup and restoration cannot begin until the origin is 100% addressed.

Turn off circuit breakers to wet areas to prevent risk of electric shock. Unplug and remove electrical devices located on wet floors and surfaces. *Do not operate electrical devices or equipment while standing on any wet surface.*

Turn off the HVAC system(s) if it has been in contact with any water or sewage to prevent spread of biohazardous materials throughout the entire property.

Remove and secure small furniture and valuables to minimize direct damage to these items and the residual damage these items can cause when wet (such as stain transfer from wood items, rust stains from metal items, ink or dye transfer from paper and fabric). Remember to check under beds and in closets.

Place aluminum foil under legs of wood furniture, especially antiques, to protect carpet and other furniture from staining. *Do not place newspaper on any wet surfaces, newspaper ink transfers very easily to porous surfaces.*

Pin up dry draperies and furniture skirts to prevent contact with wet floor coverings to avoid watermarks, browning and dye transfer. *Do not leave wet fabrics in place. Move fur or leather goods to a safe area to dry at room temperature.*

Try to minimize traffic on wet surfaces to minimize safety hazards and limit the spread of damage and potential contaminates.

Make plans for restoration crews to remove large furniture items from affected areas. *Do not attempt to dry on your own as improper techniques can do more harm and increase claim costs and restoration time.*

what you do and how quickly you do it affects everything

Wet floors are only the tip of the water damage iceberg. Proper water removal and complete structural drying is crucial to minimizing contamination, added expense and inconvenience.

Hiring trained water damage mitigation and structural drying professionals is safer, easier and less expensive than the cost of repair and replacement of property damaged during improper water mitigation efforts.

It is also important to note that many standard insurance policies do not cover secondary damages – such as mold, one of the most common secondary effects of water disaster. Carriers often specify the policy holder must initiate "reasonable and prudent procedures necessary to mitigate the loss." In other words, immediate action must be taken to protect the property from excessive damage and claim cost. If the insurance carrier determines proper steps were not taken in a timely fashion, it could be released from all financial responsibility – leaving the policy holder to absorb the full financial burden.

J.C. Restoration, Inc. has spent 25 years helping commercial and residential property owners recover from water damage caused by burst pipes, backed up sewers, excessive rains, and other unexpected disasters. We are a full service restoration company offering water extraction and drying, environmental testing and assessment, content decontamination and deodorizing (both onsite and at our 18,000 square foot facility), removal and storage of personal and household effects, as well as complete structure reconstruction and refinishing services.

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WITHIN MINUTES...

Water contamination spreads to additional areas; Stains and finishes released from furniture permanently stain carpet; Moisture absorption ruins paper goods with swelling and warping.

WITHIN HOURS...

Furniture in direct contact with water delaminates or swells, legs begin to split; Drywall and gypsum board swells and begins to disintegrate; Sour odors from bacteria or sewage become airborne and into air returns; Dyes from non-colorfast fabrics migrate.

WITHIN DAYS...

Replacement instead of restoration may be required; Asthmatics, the infirm, the elderly and young children



may develop reactions to developing mold; Severe warping of wood furnishings and building materials becomes apparent.

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WITHIN WEEKS...

Prolonged dampness allows mold to embed in and destroy organic materials (jute backings, paper coverings on sheetrock, paneling, wood); Claim costs and restoration times escalate dramatically as the requirement for gutting the structure and replacing contents becomes necessary; Occupants may be forced to evacuate due to biological health hazards.