

## “Free Checklist - What to Do Until Your Water Remediation Specialist Arrives”

**Safety First!** Regardless of the scope of water damage in your home or business, it can always pose safety hazards. The danger of electrical hazards, slipping and falling or even collapsing ceilings can exist. It is a stressful time, but slow down and use common sense.

**Minimize the Damage !** There are simple steps you can take to minimize the extent of the damage and help avoid dangerous mold, which can form within 48-72 hours.

- If your electrical panel is in a dry area, turn off electricity to the affected areas of your home. If it is not, you should call your electrician before entering the affected area, a wet basement or any area with pooled water. Be sure to block access to the area from children and pets.
- Water damage spreads very quickly, and some fast action can prevent additional damage to your home. If you have identified the source of the water, shut it off immediately, and if the water is coming from a broken pipe or other plumbing-related problem, shut off your outside water main.
- If you can safely do so, unplug and remove electronics that are in the path of the water.
- Once you have confirmed there is no danger of electrical hazard, open any outside doors and move any standing water out of the house with a push broom and mop up what you can.
- Open windows if weather allows, and run fans. Keep the HVAC system fan running to circulate the air.
- Avoid any contact with raw sewage. It can be extremely toxic.
- Try to remove any wet rugs, furniture or mattress and put them outside.
- lift drapes up if the water on the rugs or floor is seeping toward them to prevent staining the bottoms.
- Wipe down your furniture and tip up cushions to help them dry. Open drawers, closets, and cabinets to help speed up the drying.
- Notify your homeowner's insurance company. (Most carriers have a 24 hour claim number) Leave a message if you can't reach them. Your insurance may cover some or all of the damage, depending upon the source and cause, and you'll want to review your coverage right away. \_\_\_If you can locate your policy, you can review that.

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