



WATER

EMERGENCY TIPS:

The following Emergency Tips were compiled by members of the National Institute of Disaster Restoration and are based on their wide experience in this field. It is not likely that you will require all procedures listed, so examine your situation and apply those steps which common sense dictates.

WATER DAMAGE: Water is an essential part of many cleaning processes, but under some circumstances it can cause severe damage. The harmful effect of water is sharply reduced by prompt action. Some procedures are obvious; others require foresight and experience. This list of Emergency Tips has been compiled from many years of experience in water damage restoration and repair.

DO:

- Remove as much excess water as possible by mopping and blotting.
- Wipe water from wood furniture after removal of lamps and tabletop items.
- Remove and prop up wet upholstery cushions for even drying (check for possible bleeding).
- Place aluminum foil, china saucers or wood blocks between furniture legs and wet carpeting.
- Turn on air conditioning for maximum drying in summer; alternate open windows and heating to speed drying in winter.
- Open drawers and cabinet doors for complete drying but do not force stuck drawers or doors.
- Remove valuable oil paintings and art objects to a humidity-controlled space.
- Stay out of rooms where ceilings are sagging from retained water.
- Open suitcases and luggage to dry, in sunlight if possible.
- Punch small holes in sagging ceilings to relieve trapped water (don't forget to place pans beneath!).