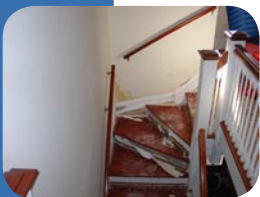
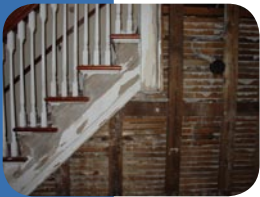


# Water Damage

## What to do in a Water Emergency



### As Quickly As Possible Eliminate the Source of the Water!

- ▶ If safe to do so, turn off circuit breakers supplying electricity to wet areas; unplug and remove any small electrical devices currently located in wet areas.
- ▶ Remove small furnishings from carpet to prevent stains and speed restoration.
- ▶ Place aluminum foil under legs of wood furniture to prevent stains.
- ▶ Hang draperies and pin up furniture skirts to avoid contact with wet floors, which prevents watermarks.
- ▶ Remove books, shoes, paper goods, fabrics, potted plants or other items that may stain floor coverings (check under beds and in closets for these items too).
- ▶ Remove and secure breakables, moisture-sensitive or high-value items.
- ▶ Plan for restoration crews to move furniture into dry areas with vinyl, ceramic or wood flooring or garage storage area.
- ▶ Wash your hands thoroughly after handling wet items.
- ▶ Do not walk on wet carpet any more than necessary to minimize damage. Wet carpet loses 50% of its strength.
- ▶ If sewage related, do not handle any contaminated items and do not turn on fans, heating or air conditioning units as it may spread the contamination.
- ▶ **Do not use any type of home vacuum or shop-vac to remove water since electrical shock may occur.**

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