

IBHS Reducing Water Damage After A Flood



Five steps homeowners or business owners can do to reduce water damage.

5 Actions to Reduce Water Damage

after a Flood

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Disconnect Electronics

As soon as it is safe to do so, disconnect all electronics/electrical equipment and move it to a dry location.



Address Standing Water

Remove as much standing water as possible from inside the building.

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Save Salvageable Materials

Remove water-damaged materials immediately.



Dry Out Soaked Areas

Ventilate with fans or use dehumidifiers to dry out the house.

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Act Quickly

Acting quickly can increase the chance of salvaging usable materials, reduce the amount of rust and mold that might develop, and limit the likelihood of structural problems.

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