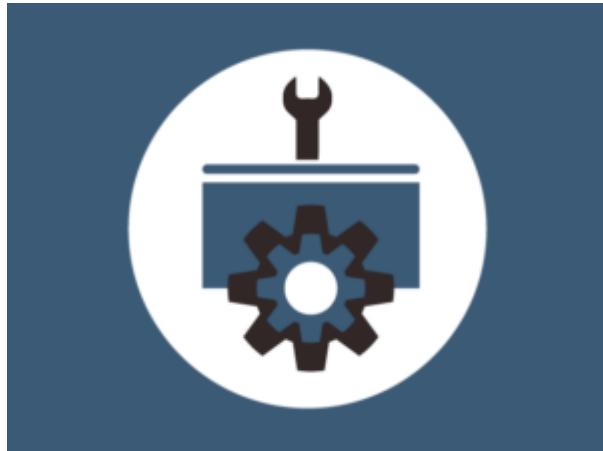


# IBHS Reducing Water Damage After A Flood



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

## 5 Actions to Reduce Water Damage

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# Flood

**1**

### 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

**2**

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

**3**

### Save Salvageable Materials



Remove water-damaged materials immediately.



### Dry Out Soaked Areas

**4**

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

**5**

### 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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