

# The Do's and Don'ts of Water Damage Cleanup

## What You Should NOT DO:

- Use your home vacuum, as electrical shock may result, as well as damage to the equipment itself.
- Place newspaper on wet surfaces, as newspaper ink transfers easily.
- Walk on wet surfaces any more than necessary in order to minimize safety hazards, and to keep from spreading damage.
- Activate the HVAC system if it has been directly contacted by water, it might serve as a means of spreading contamination.
- Adjust indoor temperature unless instructed to do so by a qualified technician.

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- Contact a plumber or contractor to eliminate water source (i.e., shut off water or fix roof).
- Contact Daystar Cleaning & Restoration to remove standing water and inspect damage.
- Call your insurance company.
- Safety considerations permitting, turn off circuit breakers supplying electricity to wet areas, unplug and remove any small electrical devices currently located on wet carpet or other wet surfaces.
- Remove and secure small furniture items as much as possible, to prevent rust or stains and to expedite restoration.
- Place aluminum foil under legs of wood furniture, especially antiques, which may permanently stain carpet.
- Hang draperies and pin up furniture skirts as required to prevent contact with wet carpet (water marks, browning, dye transfer, or migration).
- Remove books, shoes, paper goods, fabrics, potted plants, or other items that may stain carpet. Check especially under beds and in closets for these items.
- Remove and secure breakable, moisture sensitive, or high value items.
- Make plans for restoration crews to remove large furniture items onto dry carpet, linoleum, garage, or storage areas.