

MUCK & GUT SAFETY PROCEDURES



DO NOT ENTER IF:



- Foundation is shifted
- Gas smell is present
- Power is on or wiring is wet
- Ceiling is sagging
- Structural damage is visible
- You feel unsafe

If it's not safe, it's not worth it.
WAIT. CALL. GET HELP.

BEFORE YOU START:

- ✓ Contact your insurance company
- ✓ Turn off power, gas & water if safe to do so
- ✓ Wear proper PPE (see below)
- ✓ Open windows & doors if safe to help with ventilation

YOU WILL NEED:



4 RULES EVERYONE SHOULD FOLLOW



1. RESPECT
This is someone's home and their belongings.



2. LISTEN
Be patient. Listen with empathy and compassion.



3. CONFIDENTIALITY
Guard privacy. What you see or hear stays here.



4. SERVE
We are here to help, not to judge.

STEP-BY-STEP RECOVERY PROCESS

Work methodically. Be safe.
Small steps bring homes back.



1 DOCUMENT
Photograph or video every room, item, and area before you begin.



2 REMOVE CONTENTS
Remove all salvageable belongings. Move furniture and items to a clean, dry area.



3 SORT INTO 3 PILES

- **KEEP** (salvageable)
- **UNSURE** (set aside)
- **TRASH** (not salvageable)



4 REMOVE DRYWALL
Cut and remove 24" above the water line:
Flood < 12": cut drywall to 24.5"
Flood 12-36" or insulation wet; cut to 48.5"
Flood > 36" or insulation still wet; remove all drywall and other porous materials



5 REMOVE INSULATION
Remove all wet insulation from walls, ceilings, and crawlspaces.



6 REMOVE FLOORING
Remove carpet, pad, and flooring if saturated. Save if possible.



7 REMOVE CABINETS
Remove cabinets if wet or swollen. They will hold moisture and mold.



8 WASH
Wash all surfaces and framing with detergent and clean water.



9 DISINFECT
Disinfect all surfaces with Concrobium® Mold Control.



10 DRY IMMEDIATELY
Use fans and dehumidifiers 24/7 until everything is completely dry.

SAVE IT, CLEAN IT, OR TOSS IT?

When in doubt,
your health comes first.

SAVE

CAN OFTEN BE SALVAGED

- Photos & Documents
Rinse gently, air dry, or freeze.
- Jewelry & Heirlooms
Rinse with clean water, dry completely.
- Family Bibles & Books
Freeze to dry.
- Metal Furniture
Wash, disinfect, dry.
- Solid Wood Furniture
Clean, disinfect, dry.
- Dishes & Glassware
Wash, disinfect, dry.

MAYBE

DEPENDS ON DAMAGE

- Hardwood Floors
May be salvageable if dried quickly by a professional.
- Cabinets
Save if not swollen or separating.
- Area Rugs
Rinse, clean, and dry thoroughly.
- Clothing & Linens
Wash immediately.
- Electronics
Do not plug in. Have professionally checked.

TOSS

NOT WORTH THE RISK

- Drywall (wet)
Remove above water line.
- Insulation
Always discard.
- Mattresses
Discard after floodwater.
- Particle Board Furniture
Swells and grows mold.
- Upholstered Furniture
Discard if soaked.
- Cosmetics, Medicine, Baby Items, Food
Discard.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



MOLD FACTS

- Mold can start in 24-48 hours.
- It spreads fast and affects your health.
- Use Concrobium® Mold Control to disinfect surfaces.



SEPTIC SYSTEMS

- Do not pour contaminated water down drains.
- Use toilets and plumbing sparingly.



WELL WATER SAFETY

- Assume well water is contaminated.
- Do not drink or cook with it.
- Boil water if advised by local authorities.



FLOODWATER HAZARDS

- Sewage, chemicals, and bacteria
- Wear PPE and wash thoroughly after work.



WHEN TO CALL A PRO

- Severe mold contamination
- Electrical or foundation issues



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