

H2O Pros of Metro Detroit

WATER DAMAGE CHECKLIST

- ❑ Locate your water shut-off valve and know how to shut it off in an emergency.
- ❑ Avoid contact with any potentially contaminated or hazardous water. Always wear boots, gloves, and eye protection when dealing with water damage.
- ❑ Turn off circuit breakers supplying electricity to wet areas.
- ❑ After turning off your circuit breaker, unplug and remove any electrical devices and appliances currently located on wet carpet.
- ❑ Ensure all electrical appliances, like ceiling fans, remain off when water is present.
- ❑ Place plastic or Styrofoam between furniture legs and wet carpeting.
- ❑ Remove valuable or sensitive items and place them in a safe and dry room with a water resistant floor covering (like tile or concrete) so wet items don't cause further damage. This includes items such as valuable paintings or art, Oriental or colored area rugs, books, magazines, and furniture.
- ❑ Remove and prop up wet furniture cushions to facilitate drying and check them for any color bleeding.
- ❑ Separate wet clothing to prevent moisture buildup and color transfer.
- ❑ Watch for slipping or tripping hazards when walking from wet carpet onto vinyl or hardwood floors.
- ❑ Open wet cabinet doors and drawers. If swollen, do not force open.
- ❑ Begin to remove as much standing water as possible.

- ✔ Perform a full building assessment and create a moisture map.
- ✔ Extract water, install drying equipment, remove debris, and clean and sanitize the entire area.
- ✔ Have upholstery, rugs, and any other color staining fibers professionally cleaned and assessed. In category 2 or 3 losses these items may require disposal.
- ✔ Provide you with documentation that the building has been returned to a dry standard.

**ARE YOU EXPERIENCING AN
EMERGENCY?**