



What Happens After Floods?

A checklist for homeowners to respond quickly after a flood and reduce costly damages.

Flood Cleanup Checklist for Homeowners

- 1. Contact** your home and/or flood insurance provider immediately.
- 2. Turn off** electricity and gas to the home before entering.
- 3. Take** photos to document damage.
- 4. Drain and clean up** standing water as soon as possible.
- 5. Discard** wooden cooking utensils and food contaminated by floodwaters.
- 6. Wash** metal and plastic kitchen items and canned food thoroughly.
- 7. Remove** furniture, bedding, and carpeting to clean and dry in the sun.
- 8. Open** flooded walls and remove insulation to prevent mold growth.
- 9. Clean and dry** floors and woodwork as soon as possible.
- 10. Delay** permanent repairs until the building is fully dry.
- 11. Contact** a professional home inspector to ensure the foundation is undamaged.
- 12.** If the flood is declared a federal disaster, **contact** FEMA to apply for assistance.