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HOMEOWNER TIPS AFTER A HURRICANE

FLOOD DAMAGE SELF-MITIGATION UNTIL PROFESSIONAL HELP ARRIVES



1. ACT QUICKLY

ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN CLEARED TO RETURN TO YOUR HOME, start removing as much water as you can. After water sits, mold can begin to grow within 48-72 hours.



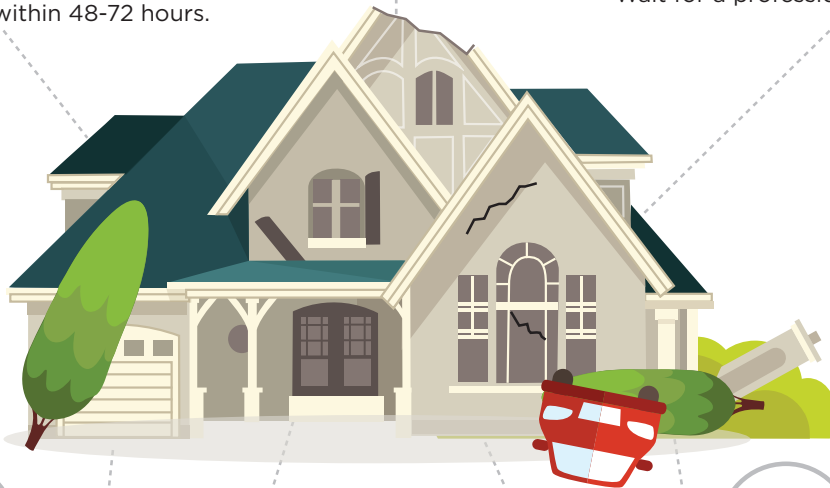
2. VENTILATE

Mold loves moisture. Open windows and ventilate as much as practical.



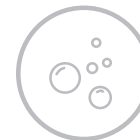
3. ASSESS DAMAGE

Assess your items and salvage only what you know to be bacteria and sewage free. Wait for a professional if you're not sure.



4. TAKE PHOTOS

Before, during and after cleanup. Inventory damaged and discarded materials.



6. THOROUGH CLEANING

Durable hardwood floors and vinyl can be cleaned with a detergent solution.



5. EXPOSE SATURATION

Hidden pockets of water need to be opened and dried. Investigate behind walls, cabinets, and crawl spaces.



7. CONFIRM DRYING

Before construction, confirm that moisture has been adequately reduced. A water restoration professional can confirm this before reconstruction.