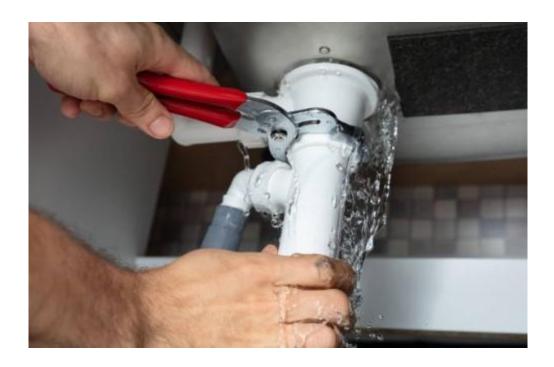
Water Damage Restoration

What is water damage restoration? Water damage can cause serious water damage to your home. Water damage restoration is the process of returning your home to pre-loss conditions after a flood, overflow or other type of water damage. The water damage restoration process involves several steps: loss assessment, water source classification, drying and decontaminating the structure, monitoring, and finally, completion.

It is important that the job be properly evaluated before any restoration work is started. If you were to buy or restore a classic vehicle, it is important to understand what you are doing and where you should start. Water damage is a complex task that requires technicians to be able to fully comprehend the job ahead. Insurance companies often get involved. Water damage restoration technicians must not only understand the extent of damage and how to repair it, but also must thoroughly inspect and document the damage and make accurate estimates. To make repairs, it is important to identify the source of the damage.



Water is classified based on its source's contamination (Category 1, 2 or 3). <u>Water Damage</u> <u>Restoration Orlando</u> caused by a clean source, such as an overflowing faucet, is much easier to fix than water damage from raw sewage. These are the categories:

- Category 1: Water from clean sources like sinks, pipes, toilet bowls, and pipes (without urine or stool).
- Category 2: Water with certain contaminants, such as water from a dishwasher or washing machine or toilet with urine (but not feces).
- Category 3 water is water that is very unsanitary and could cause severe illness or even death if it was consumed. Water from a toilet bowl that contains feces,

floodwaters, rivers and standing water that has microbial growth are all examples of Category 3.

Remember that although the original source water was clean and sanitary, it can quickly become Category 2 or 3.

Water damage can affect not only the immediate area, but also the contents of the home. Water damage restoration professionals must also handle furniture, drapes and carpets, as well as electronics, books, and any other items that have been affected by water. In an effort to avoid damage, some of these contents can be moved. Others will need drying, cleaning, decontamination, and other items will have to be thrown away.

The drying, cleaning and decontaminating phase begins. Equipment such as scrubbers, dehumidifiers, and subfloor drying equipment are placed and left to dry for several days. The drying process is monitored to make sure that all equipment is properly installed and functioning as it should. The humidity, temperature, and moisture content in affected areas are continuously monitored.

Additional drying is done as necessary. To prevent mold growth, it is possible to use mold inhibitors. You may also need deodorizers. Even if water damage was not from a Category 1, contaminants in carpets or the carpet pad underneath can quickly cause foul odors. Additional repairs may be necessary depending on the extent of damage. If the carpet and drywall were damaged beyond repair, they will need to be replaced. Once the home has been dried and is restored to pre-loss condition the water damage restoration work is done.

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