

# After a Flood — Recover Quickly

Floods can happen anywhere it rains.



## CHECK FOR DAMAGE

Check for structural damage before re-entering your home. If you suspect damage to water, gas, electric, or sewer lines, contact authorities.

## REMOVE WET ITEMS

Immediately remove wet carpeting, furniture, and bedding. Any item holding moisture can develop mold within 24 to 48 hours. Clean and disinfect everything touched by floodwaters. Get cleanup tips at [emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/floods](https://www.emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/floods).

## PLAN BEFORE YOU REPAIR

The rebuilding decisions you make now to lower your risk and insurance costs can result in big benefits over the long term. Contact your local building inspection or planning office or your county clerk's office to get more information.

## FILE YOUR FLOOD CLAIM

To file your claim, you'll need your insurance company's name, your policy number, and a number where you can be reached. Take photos of any water in the house and anything damaged in your home. Make a detailed list of all damaged or lost items.

