

WATER DAMAGE AND FLOODING:

Key steps for a
successful cleanup

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Water damage is a common challenge for cleaning professionals. A burst pipe, sudden infiltration, or neglected leak can quickly compromise the safety and hygiene of spaces. A prompt and methodical intervention is essential to prevent irreversible damage and reduce health risks. Here are the essential cleaning practices to adopt in professional environments.

1. Priority: Water removal

When water damage occurs, it is crucial to take control of the situation without delay:

- **Shut off the water supply** to stop the infiltration at its source.
- **Secure the area** by turning off the electricity to avoid any risk of electrocution.
- **Extract stagnant water** using professional equipment such as *industrial wet vacuums* or *suitable pumps*. The faster the water is removed, the less damage it will cause.

2. Cleaning and disinfection: A key step

After water removal, cleaning must be carried out thoroughly using specialized products to prevent contamination and microorganism proliferation.

- **Remove debris and solid residues.**
- **Use a disinfectant or fungicide** to stop the growth of mold, fungi and prevent contamination.

- **Don't forget hard-to-reach areas** such as ventilation ducts, baseboards, and joints, which are often neglected but prone to spore proliferation and bad odors.
- **For textiles and carpets**, prioritize antimicrobial treatments to disinfect effectively while preserving fiber quality.

3. Thorough drying to avoid hidden damage

Incomplete drying encourages mold growth and deteriorates materials. To ensure optimal drying:

- Use **industrial dryers and dehumidifiers** to speed up the process.
- **Open windows** to improve air circulation.



- **Monitor humidity levels** using a hygrometer to ensure surfaces are completely dry.

4. Handling affected materials

Some materials require special attention:

- **Textiles and carpets:** Dry them quickly and treat them with an antimicrobial product to prevent odors and mold.
- **Walls and partitions:** Check hollow spaces, which are often prone to moisture accumulation.
- **Woodwork and furniture:** Use a dehumidifier and treat surfaces to prevent wood deformation.

5. Prevention: A key asset in professional maintenance

To prevent the situation from recurring:

- **Install leak detectors** to respond quickly in case of a problem.
- **Place water barriers or absorbent products** in high-risk areas.
- **Schedule regular pipe maintenance** to avoid blockages and reduce infiltration risks.

Suggested Products:

Surface S70 (fungicide) and Germinix-16 (disinfectant) + GLDI-509 RTU

Equipment:

Wet and dry vacuums:

Superior Sany Wet and Dry Vacuums 

Dryers/Fans:

Karcher Blower AB84

ProBlitz Floor Dryer

Tennant Commercial Air Mover

Conclusion

Water damage requires a quick and structured approach. By following these rigorous cleaning and disinfection practices, you will maximize site safety, protect materials, and provide your clients with a healthy and secure environment.

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