

# What to Do After Water Hits Your Home

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If your home in Utah has just flooded, you're probably overwhelmed, scared, and unsure of where to start. Maybe it was a burst pipe in the basement or a surprise storm. Whatever the cause, you're staring down water damage, mold risk, and costly repairs.

The good news? You're not alone—and you don't have to figure it out yourself.

This guide will walk you through the first steps to take, what to avoid, and how to protect your home, health, and sanity. If you're in Ogden or Salt Lake City, this is especially for you.



Before anything else, protect yourself:

1. Turn off electricity and gas immediately
2. Wear waterproof boots, gloves, and an N95 mask
3. Never step into standing water unless the power is confirmed off

Document everything with photos and video—you'll need this for insurance and contractors.

Mold starts to grow in as little as **24–48 hours**. That's why timing is critical:

1. Use a wet vac or pump to remove standing water
2. Open windows and run dehumidifiers (rent them locally if needed)
3. Tear out wet carpet and drywall if soaked more than 2 inches

💡 **Pro Tip:** Don't use bleach on porous surfaces like drywall—it won't stop mold. Learn more about why timing matters in our [step-by-step guide to flood damage cleanup](#).







DIY can only go so far. If you notice:

1. Musty smells after 2 days
2. Water behind walls or under flooring
3. Respiratory symptoms in your household

...it's time to call certified pros like [The Flood Company](#). We've helped Utah families recover from hundreds of water emergencies with expert mitigation.

To prevent bigger problems:

1. Don't delay: Waiting = more damage + higher cost
2. Don't assume it's dry just because it looks dry
3. Don't throw away damaged items before documenting



4. Don't forget to check crawl spaces, HVAC, and insulation. Here's what [mold prevention during the winter](#) looks like in Utah homes.



Flood recovery is expensive, but help is available:

1. Call your insurance agent within 24 hours
2. Ask if your event qualifies for a **free inspection** (The Flood Company provides this in insured cases)
3. Check FEMA and Utah-based disaster aid if not insured

Need guidance? [Explore our Water Damage Restoration Service](#) or [Request a Free Water Damage Assessment](#) to protect your home.

[How soon can mold form after flooding?](#)

Mold can begin growing in as little as 24 to 48 hours if moisture isn't properly removed.

[Can I use bleach to clean flood-damaged areas?](#)

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Flood cleanup is scary—but with the right steps, it doesn't have to be a nightmare.

Prioritize safety, act quickly, and don't hesitate to lean on professionals when needed.

**The Flood Company** is here for Utah homeowners facing the worst. Read more helpful tips on our [blog](#). Our team is ready to help you recover faster, safer, and with less stress.

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Your home matters. Let's protect it—together.

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