



Bayou Mold Pros

Water Damage First-Steps Checklist

A printable South Louisiana checklist for the first hours after a leak, overflow, or sudden water event.

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Safety First

- Avoid standing water near electrical outlets, appliances, or extension cords.
- Do not enter rooms with ceiling sagging, structural movement, or other safety concerns.
- If needed, contact emergency services, the utility provider, or another emergency resource first.

Protect the Property When Safe

- Stop the water source when it can be done safely.
- Move lightweight belongings out of the wet area if doing so will not spread contamination or create risk.
- Use fans or ventilation only when conditions are safe and appropriate.

Document Everything

- Photograph every affected room before major cleanup begins when possible.
- Record the date and approximate time the damage started or was discovered.
- Save receipts for emergency drying, materials, and temporary protection steps.

Insurance and Next Steps

- Contact your insurer promptly if you plan to make a claim.
- Ask whether your policy has emergency mitigation requirements or documentation rules.
- Request provider availability if you need help with drying, moisture concerns, or possible mold growth.

Need provider availability? Call (985) 217-1300 or visit BayouMoldPros.com/contact.html

General educational information only. Insurance decisions, service availability, and work scope vary by provider and insurer.