

HANG-ON!

You're anxious to get things back to normal, but think about the possibility of another flood.

Would you invest a little now if you could

Get back home faster?

Get back to work sooner?

Have a home that's easier to restore and sell?

YOU CAN

Choose any of the tips on the back of this card, and if there is a **NEXT TIME**

- clean-up will be easier
- you'll have less damage to repair

AND

- Avoid the headaches and hassles

For a healthier-home recovery...

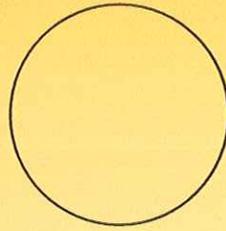
Keep the walls open till they are completely dry. Trapped moisture causes mold to grow. It's bad for your house. It's bad for your health.

Remove vinyl wallpaper from your walls. Vinyl wallpaper traps moisture in the wall.

Caution: If there is mold on the back side, use an N-95 (or higher) respirator to protect yourself from the mold spores.



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6 Tips

for restoring
Louisiana homes to reduce
damage in future floods

- 1** Stop the wicking - Leave a gap between the lower wall covering and the upper wall covering. Cover the gap with chair rail molding.
- 2** Move electrical outlets above flood level.
- 3** Replace wall covering on the lower part of the wall – leave a gap at the bottom – cover with a wide baseboard.
Choices: Wood paneling, screwed on, can be easily removed before a flood. Solid wood or paperless drywall can get wet without being damaged.
- 4** Choose insulation for exterior walls that you can protect (or easily replace). Fiberglass batts and rigid foam boards can be removed before the flood. Separate fibrous lower wall insulation from upper wall insulation to prevent wicking.
Caution: Closed-cell spray foam is very flood-resistant but may cause problems in some walls. Check with a professional before replacing fiberglass with closed-cell spray foam.
- 5** Put your water heater, air conditioner, washer and dryer on platforms. Replace a range/oven combination with a cooktop and wall oven.
- 6** Choose waterproof floor-covering. Choices include ceramic or porcelain tile; brick; solid vinyl flooring with chemical-set adhesives; stained concrete; terrazzo; solid wood planks.

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