



WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A LEAK OR WATER DAMAGE

Water damage can escalate quickly, leading to structural issues and mold growth. Here's what to do to mitigate the damage.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS:



Stop the Source:

- Identify and stop the source of the leak as quickly as possible. This may involve turning off the water supply or repairing a leaking pipe.



Protect Valuables:

- Move furniture, electronics, and other valuable items away from the affected area.



Remove Standing Water:

- Use towels, mops, or a wet/dry vacuum to remove standing water.

MITIGATION & DRYING:



Increase Ventilation:

- Open windows and use fans to circulate air and promote drying.



Remove Wet Materials:

- Remove wet carpets, rugs, and other porous materials that cannot be thoroughly dried.



Professional Water Damage Restoration:

- Contact a professional water damage restoration company like Forge Restoration to assess the damage, extract water, and dry the affected areas using specialized equipment.

PREVENTING MOLD GROWTH:



Dehumidification:

- Use dehumidifiers to reduce moisture levels and prevent mold growth.



Antimicrobial Treatments:

- Apply antimicrobial treatments to prevent the growth of mold and bacteria.



Monitor for Mold:

- Regularly inspect the affected area for signs of mold growth.

LONG-TERM REPAIRS:



Structural Repairs:

- Repair any structural damage caused by the water, such as damaged drywall, flooring, or framing.



Preventative Measures:

- Take steps to prevent future water damage, such as improving drainage, sealing cracks, and maintaining plumbing systems.