

UNDERSTANDING FLOOD CUTS



What is Flood Cutting?

Flood cutting involves removing damaged drywall and other water-soaked materials from a structure affected by flooding. This process is essential in preventing the growth of mold and other harmful contaminants, which can pose significant health risks.

Why is Flood Cutting Done?

- **Mold Prevention:** Wet drywall and other porous materials are breeding grounds for mold. Flood cutting eliminates this potential hazard.
- **Structural Integrity:** Waterlogged materials can weaken a building's structure over time. Removing them helps maintain the property's integrity.
- **Odor Removal:** Floodwaters often carry unpleasant odors. Removing contaminated materials helps to eliminate these smells.
- **Health and Safety:** Mold and other contaminants can cause respiratory problems and allergies. Flood cutting prioritizes the health and safety of occupants.

When is a Flood Cut Necessary?

- When your home or business has had standing water in it for an extended period.
- Grey water damage occurred over a period causing saturation of drywall materials.
- Sewage leaks causing the presence of fecal matter and other harmful chemicals and toxins makes this a hazardous issue that needs immediate attention.
- If your walls contain insulation. Regardless of the source, water contact usually destroys the insulation's effectiveness, and it also has the potential to rapidly turn from a grey water issue to a black water issue.