

FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION INFORMATION

In an effort to facilitate recovery efforts from the storm damage sustained in the flooding event of December 20th, 2023, the following information is being provided:

Items related to flood damage that do not require permits:

- Minor drywall/insulation replacement if less than 50 square feet in area and not a part of a fire resistive wall
- Flooring/carpeting replacement
- Appliance replacement (washer/dryer, refrigerator, etc.)
- Replacing cabinets, countertops, and other built-in furniture
- Replacing baseboards, and interior door or window trim

Generally, the following flood damage repair items will require a permit (if applicable):

- Drywall and associated insulation replacement exceeding 50 square feet in area or any drywall repair to a fire resistive wall (typically the wall between the house and an attached garage, and the wall between adjoining dwelling units for duplex or multifamily properties)
- Structural wood repair, such as wall studs or plywood. Generally the wall studs are left in place and treated for mold in the case of water damage, but the situation may vary
- Exterior siding and stucco repair/replacement
- Electrical repair/replacement
- Furnace or water heater replacement

City staff will provide prompt over the counter service for anyone requesting flood damage repairs. We are open 8 a.m.-12 p.m. for counter service, but we will additionally provide services from 12-6 p.m. for flood damage permits. The permitting process has been streamlined for flood damage repairs, in most cases only a completed permit application and a detailed description of the specific damage repairs added to the application will be required.

Flood damaged materials and drywall can be removed to begin drying out the structure before permits are obtained, however a permit and inspection from the city will be needed prior to reinstalling new drywall or other permitted items. Next day inspections are available for all projects and depending on the circumstances same day inspections may be provided depending on staffing and workload. It is highly recommended that professional remediation assistance be obtained, particularly for mold abatement.

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