



FAQ's: FIRE DAMAGE

Please note that there will also be extensive water damage caused by the sprinklers going off or by the firemen putting the fire out so please read in conjunction with water damage.

Prevent Further Damage:

Block off areas that have been damaged from all but the salvage teams

Cover or remove undamaged objects as soon as possible

Cover places where water is entering from dowsing of fire

Move collections up if water is rising

Allocate staff and volunteers into teams for work, tea breaks, and food

Locate supplies: containers, blank newsprint, clean sheeting, blotter paper, towelling, flashlights, batteries, fans, extension cords, work lights, ladders, padding materials, mops, buckets, sponges, hand tools, plastic bags, boots, aprons, tags and labels, scissors, pencils and paper, clipboards, filament tape, waterproof markers, rubber gloves, and a source of clean water

Contact engineer if your building is a historic structure, or if a great deal of water has been absorbed. Contact a commercial dehumidification firm if your building is large, based on the advice of a conservator

Locate de-humidifiers, wet and dry vacuums and fans, and use only if you know the area is safe

Plan removal of objects into categories of soaking wet, damp and dry

Cover objects. Check every 24 hours, uncovering if there is a threat of mould