

## What to do When Your Basement Floods



It's never a good way to start off your day with your child saying, "Um, Mom, there's a lot of water in the basement." You have to drop everything you're doing because basement flooding is as serious as it gets when it comes to [home plumbing emergencies](#). After that initial pang of panic, you need to go into action mode. Here's what to do when your basement floods.

### **Call Your Plumber**

Get your plumber to come out as soon as possible so that they can identify the source of the flood and fix it. Your plumber will also mitigate electrical hazards that can harm you and your family members. Depending on the power short, you could get electrocuted. Don't walk into the water without high rubber boots, and if there is an odor, don't walk in the water at all because it's probably sewage.

### **Remove Water**

Depending on the volume of water and how long it takes your plumber to arrive, there may be ways to remove water on your own. Using a wet vac, you can remove a few inches of standing water, along with soaking up water with towels. Please note: do not stand in the water while doing this.

### **Dry the Area Out**

Your plumber is best suited to dry out the area, but depending on the severity of the flooding, there are steps you can take on your own once your plumber has identified the cause of the

problem, including: stripping out the carpeting; punching holes in your drywall with a screwdriver or other tool; blasting fans on the affected areas; and using dehumidifiers to prevent mold and mildew.

### **Clean and Sanitize**

Contamination from mold and standing water can be hazardous to your health. While you can attempt to triage the flooding on your own, your plumber can recommend a restoration service for water and sewer damage and cleanup, cleaning and deodorizing, and to dry basement possessions and structures.

### **Point Your Plumber in the Right Direction**

Alan Tinker Plumbing & Rodding will pinpoint the areas responsible for the flooding, but if you can locate them ahead of time, make sure you tell us when we arrive. Look at your walls, floor, foundation, and windows for water leaks and seepage. Your sump pump may not be working or backed up due to the amount of water coming in. Also check your appliances like your washer or water heater for spewing water.

### **We Are Your Basement Flooding Solution**

Basement flooding ranges from minor to major damage. You may have a single crack in your foundation and a small area of flooding, or your entire basement may need to be demolished and reconstructed. Whatever the case, Alan Tinker Plumbing & Rodding will come to your home to assess and solve the problem. Contact us, and we'll get back to you ASAP! Please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).