

RestoPros of Southeast Atlanta Explains When Water Damaged Carpet Can Be Saved and When It Cannot

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RestoPros of Southeast Atlanta has released guidance to help area homeowners understand whether water damaged carpet can be restored or whether replacement is the safer choice. The IICRC certified, family owned team issued the information as seasonal storms and household leaks continue to leave residential flooring soaked across the region.

According to the company, the outcome depends largely on three factors: the type of water involved, how long the carpet stayed wet, and what materials became saturated. Carpet exposed to clean water, with professional extraction and drying started within 24 to 48 hours, can often be saved. Carpet soaked by contaminated water, or left wet for several days, usually has to be removed because of health risks and mold growth.

RestoPros of Southeast Atlanta explained that water damage falls into three categories. Clean water, such as that from a supply line or overflowing sink, poses the least risk. Gray water carries some contamination and requires careful handling. Black water, which includes sewage and flood water, is heavily contaminated and typically means the carpet and padding cannot be safely restored.

Timing plays a central role. Mold can begin growing within 24 to 48 hours when wet materials are not dried, and saturated padding beneath the surface often holds moisture long after the visible carpet feels dry. For that reason, the company stresses that fast action gives homeowners the best chance of keeping their existing flooring.

"Homeowners often assume a wet carpet is ruined, or they assume it will dry on its own, and both mistakes can be costly," said Nick Grevas of RestoPros of Southeast Atlanta. "The category of water and the speed of the response make the difference. When clean water is extracted and the area is properly dried within the first day, we frequently save the carpet. When contaminated water is involved, replacement protects the

health of the household."

The company noted that its water damage restoration services in Southeast Atlanta follow a structured process that begins with inspection and water category assessment, followed by water extraction, drying with ongoing moisture monitoring, and cleaning and sanitizing. The team also assists homeowners with insurance claims related to water damaged carpet and other property loss.

"The window that matters most is the first 24 hours after a leak or flood," Grevas added. "That early response is what separates a carpet that dries and a carpet that has to go."

Through its work on carpet water damage in Decatur GA and surrounding communities, RestoPros of Southeast Atlanta encourages homeowners to have standing water addressed quickly rather than waiting to see how flooring dries. Delays allow moisture to reach padding and subfloors, where mold develops and structural concerns begin.

RestoPros of Southeast Atlanta is a family owned, IICRC certified restoration company serving Atlanta, Clarkston, Conyers, Decatur, Lithonia, Pine Lake, Scottdale, Stone Mountain, and Tucker. The company provides water damage restoration, fire and smoke damage repair, mold remediation, and storm damage repair for residential and commercial clients, and operates around the clock with free inspections. Homeowners facing a leak or flood are urged to call within the first 24 hours to give their carpet and flooring the best chance of being saved.

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