

## Repairing Ceilings from Water Damage to Prevent Mold Growth

### Standard Operating Procedure

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Ceiling material should be discarded if the floodwaters went above the ceiling or seeped down onto the ceiling from the floor above and if it is made of:

- Wallboard or drywall
- Plaster **and** it has a lot of cracks or is sagging
- Insulation made of:
  - Fiberglass **and** has visible organic debris within
  - Cellulose (loose or blown-in treated paper)

To repair ceilings:

1. Remove any wet insulation in the ceiling to allow the joists to dry.
2. Replace fiberglass batts and Styrofoam insulation after the ceiling and joists are completely dried.

Information From: American Red Cross/Federal Emergency Management Agency - Disaster Services - Repairing Your Flooded Home- Step 4 & University of Wisconsin Extension Publications - Flood Damaged Walls, Ceilings and Floors