



What to do if your Basement Floods...

Step 1 – Pump out

Do nothing to the Basement Finishing System™ walls until the water has been initially pumped out. Be careful not to damage the wet panels as you move furniture and carpet out of the room.

Step #2 –What's in the water?

Determine if the water is contaminated with something that would make the panels unusable, such as sewage (has long term odor and mold issues) or fuel oil (potential fire and odor issues). If it is, call the company who installed your Owens Corning Basement Finishing System™ to purchase new panels.

Step # 3 – Dry out the system

- If the water contains nothing that would make the panel unusable, carefully remove the base trim to allow the water to drain from the panels. Trim may be washed with any *liquid dish detergent*. Mark each piece of the base trim as you remove it so you can re-install it in the same location later. Do **NOT** remove panels at this time. Depending on the depth of the flood waters, it may take several days to completely drain.
- After the panels have stopped draining, begin drying out the system with fans and dehumidifiers.
- Optional but not required: to speed up the drying process, remove the vertical trim (again, mark each piece so to re-install in the same location) and carefully set each panel off of the floor lineal and onto the floor. Minimize the handling of wet panels – it is easy to damage a wet panel! This allows more air to circulate around each panel and the walls to dry out more quickly.
- After the panels and walls are *completely dry*, carefully set the panels back into place and install the base trim first, and then the vertical trim.

Step #4 – Clean panels as required

If the panels require cleaning, follow the Owens Corning Basement Finishing System™ Wallcovering Cleaning & Maintenance Guide. Remember to use only a soft white bristle brush. Owens Corning 12/05



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