



BALBOA ART CONSERVATION CENTER

Water Emergency Resources



Emergency Hotlines

- [California Preservation Program Disaster Assistance](#) 888-905-7737
- [National Heritage Responders](#): 1-202-661-8068
 - The American Institute for Conservation's National Heritage Responders (NHR) is a highly skilled team of conservators and other collections care professionals with expertise in emergency response. NHR members provide advice and on-site response to institutions via the hotline number listed above. All assistance provided by the NHR is free. Less urgent questions can also be answered by emailing info@conservation-us.org. Individuals and the general public should email NHRpublichelpline@culturalheritage.org for advice.
 - AIC's [step-by-step guide for drying wet collections and buildings](#) is incredibly informative.
- [Northeast Document Conservation Center 24/7 Collections Emergency Hotline](#): 1-855-245-8303
 - NEDCC staff members are available 24/7 to provide telephone advice to institutions and individuals handling collection-related disasters. Information provided includes advice on drying wet collections and dealing with damage from fire, pests, and mold. This service does not include on-site assistance.



Resources for Institutions

- American Institute for Conservation [Field Guide to Emergency Response](#) includes helpful videos that demonstrate how to respond when collections are damaged by water and mud.
- [This resource from the National Archives](#) includes a list of contractors that can assist with drying and recovery of wet collections and includes a Sample Records Recovery Services List available for download. Consider BACC an additional resource for advice and planning!
- The National Trust for Historic Preservation created this [step-by-step guide for bringing your historic building back after a flood](#)

- Northeast Document Conservation Center:
 - [Emergency Salvage of Wet Books and Records](#)
 - [Emergency Salvage of Wet Photographs](#)
 - [Emergency Salvage of Moldy Books and Paper](#)
 - [Freezing and Drying Wet Books and Records](#)
- Museum Textile Services:
 - [Emergency Salvage of Textiles and Clothing](#)
- Check out the [Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative](#), which has resources for all stages of disaster response, from initial emergency response to securing funding to aid in continued recovery.




Resources for Individuals

- The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training Preservation in Practice Fact Sheets are well illustrated with helpful photos:
- [Saving Wet Photographs](#) (**See BACC Preventive Conservator Elizabeth Salmon in action in these photos!**)
- [Saving Wet Textiles](#)
- [Saving Wet Books After a Flood](#)
- [FEMA Fact Sheet](#) on Salvaging Water-Damaged Family Valuables & Heirlooms [Salvaging VHS Tapes](#) and other magnetic media

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