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RECOVERING FROM FLOOD DAMAGE? MOISTURE CONTROL TIPS FROM DAMPRID®

(ORLANDO, Fla., April 8, 2010) Homeowners impacted by recent spring flooding may find that moisture seeping into their homes through cracks and crevices can lead to musty odors and mold and mildew that cause additional structural damage and lead to or aggravate allergies, asthma and other health concerns.

The [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) warns that exposure to mold can cause symptoms such as nasal stuffiness, eye irritation, wheezing, or skin irritation. Particularly susceptible are pregnant women, infants, the elderly, and those with pre-existing health conditions. Severe reactions can include asthma episodes, fever, shortness of breath, and mold infection in the lungs.

Darin Galka, a moisture control expert with [DampRid](#), says that the possibility of water damage and mold and mildew growth are frequently overlooked. “Water damage quickly leads to the growth of mold and mildew,” Galka said. “Spores can begin growing and reproducing within 48 hours.”

Moisture control is the key to keeping these dangerous elements from forming inside the home. Removing excess moisture from the air protects valuables from moisture damage, eliminates musty odors, prevents mold and mildew and the resulting allergens, and creates fresher, healthier indoor air.

Galka recommends that home owners always control the existing moisture level in their homes by placing DampRid, a line of environmentally friendly calcium chloride moisture absorbers, in key areas such as bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms, basements, and garages.

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To manage indoor moisture and humidity, DampRid recommends:

- Install exhaust fans in bathrooms, kitchen, laundry room and any other space water vapor is created.
- Inspect doors, windows and the foundation for water seepage or excessive air infiltration.
- Replace worn caulk and seals.
- Place [DampRid moisture absorbers](#) in bathrooms, kitchen and laundry areas, and closets.
- Open windows and doors to air out the house when possible.

DampRid offers a line of moisture control products that eliminate the dampness that enables mold to grow. To learn more about moisture control, humidity, and mold control, visit www.damprid.com.

About DampRid

Founded in 1948, DampRid is the worldwide market leader for effective, safe and affordable non-electric dehumidifiers. Through the years, DampRid has introduced a number of products designed to absorb moisture, eliminate odors, continually expanding and improving its line. Today's line of DampRid products control moisture in all areas of the home, cars, boats, and RVs. DampRid is a division of W.M. Barr, based in Memphis, Tennessee. DampRid products are available for purchase at major retailers and grocery stores, online at <http://shop.wmbarr.com/store>, or by calling 1-800-238-2672.

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