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# Emergency flood recovery

List of materials and equipment you can use when salvaging flood damaged personal items

## Materials and equipment



To assist in recovering flood damaged personal items such as photographs, books, documents, paintings or furniture, prepare a workspace and source the following:

- PPE – Gloves, clothing covers (e.g. aprons), boots, face masks, eye protection, respirators as appropriate
- Camera – to document items for insurance purposes and for your own records
- Supports for fragile items (e.g. trays, chopping boards)
- Boxes, plastic containers
- Clean water for rinsing muddy items
- Absorbent materials – towels, paper towels, blank newsprint, blotting paper, cotton cloth etc
- Tables
- Plastic bags for wrapping materials
- Wax/baking paper or freezer paper for interleaving materials to be frozen
- Plastic clothes pegs
- Drying racks, twine or rope (to create drying lines)
- Drills / screw drivers (for unframing works)
- Rubbish bags
- Freezers
- Fans and dehumidifiers

### Further information:

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