

# WET CARPET EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

## STEP 1: STOP THE SOURCE

- ☐ Turn off the water (if it's a leak)
- ☐ Move pets/kids away from the area
- ☐ Remove nearby furniture or place foil under legs

## STEP 2: BLOT THE AREA

- ☐ Use towels, press firmly (no rubbing)
- ☐ Change towels as needed

## STEP 3: EXTRACT MOISTURE

- ☐ Use wet/dry vacuum if available
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- ☐ If not, keep blotting until only damp

## STEP 4: DEODORIZE AND DISINFECT

- ☐ Sprinkle baking soda
- ☐ Let sit 2–6 hours
- ☐ Vacuum thoroughly
- ☐ Spray vinegar + water + essential oil mix

## STEP 5: DRY THOROUGHLY

- ☐ Open windows
- ☐ Set fans or a dehumidifier
- ☐ Avoid walking on it for 24–48 hours

## STEP 6: INSPECT DEEPER ISSUES

- ☐ Check carpet padding
- ☐ Lift corners and check for moisture or mold
- ☐ Replace padding if needed

## STEP 7: DECIDE IF YOU NEED A PRO

- ☐ Still wet after 48 hours?
- ☐ Notice a musty smell?
- ☐ Water from dirty/contaminated source?  
→ Call a professional!