

THE RESTORER

BOLDEN'S CLEANING & RESTORATION SERVICES

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RESIDENTIAL DRYING:

Once a water damage has occurred, the destructive elements of moisture are set into motion. Without proper attention, carpet will delaminate and stain. Wood floors, tiles, sub-floors, walls and cabinets will buckle and warp. Our professional experts can save mental anguish, as well as many thousands of dollars if engaged in the early phase of damage. Expensive floors, furnishings and insulated walls can be dried without interruptive replacement or fear of malodor.

Rapid drying that stresses proper management of temperature, airflow and dehumidification is essential in restoration of a water damaged structure. State of the art dehumidification equipment, managed by professionals who understand psychometrics, will limit losses from moisture damage and return your property to its pre-loss condition. At Bolden's, we take care of you.

Carpet Talk: Stop Carpet Abuse!

If you can recall the day you wrote the check to cover the cost of carpeting your home, you know the definition of pain. Even if you didn't choose the highest grade of carpet or padding on the market, putting down or replacing a house-full of wall-to-wall can be daunting and expensive experience, so why would you ever want to take less than excellent care of it?

Regular attention by your carpet care service handles the hygiene, but homeowners must be vigilant when it comes to six distinct signs that trouble could be down the road. Nip them in the bud before they present a threat to your carpet.

The six signs that could indicate the start of trouble are sprouting, shedding, shading, mildew, pilling and dents. If you see any of them, take the appropriate action immediately and your carpet may be around longer than you own the house!

- 1) **Sprouting:** Shoe nails, pet claws or defective cleaning equipment can pull tufts above the level of the carpet. To short-circuit additional problems, use a sharp pair of scissors to trim them as soon as you notice them.
- 2) **Shedding:** These short, broken fibers can be trapped during the yarn-making process. After your carpet is installed, they may show up as fuzz. While some is normal in high quality spun yarn, it's best to get these fibers up and out by vacuuming to eliminate the problem.
- 3) **Shading:** Heavy traffic causes carpet pile to lie in a variety of directions, so tufts remaining upright appear darker than compressed fibers. A thorough vacuuming or combing will rectify the situation so pile wears uniformly.
- 4) **Mildew:** Carpets installed in moist, humid locations are the ones most likely to develop mildew problems. Eliminating the moisture using dehumidifiers and fans are your first line of defense. Ask your carpet care professional about treating interior carpet with a fungicide to clear up the problem for an extended length of time.
- 5) **Pilling:** The small, fuzzy balls that stick to carpet surfaces are caused when strong, unbroken fibers cling to weak ones. Most often, the cause is using old cleaning equipment, so ask your carpet tech to check out your vacuum and other cleaning tools to make sure worn or broken rollers, beater bars and brushes don't continue to cause pilling. Pets may also be the culprits, by the way.
- 6) **Furniture dents:** The heavy weight of furniture impacts pile, so moving chairs and couches periodically will help the situation. If the problem comes from years of having furniture in the same place, you can try returning the pile to it's former condition by holding a steam iron over (never against) the indented pile, then gently brush the area.

Household Tips: Food to the Rescue

- Add salt to the water before boiling eggs to prevent shells from cracking and breaking
- To get the greatest amount of lemon juice from the fruit, remove from the fridge, then roll on a hard surface *before* squeezing it
- Remove burned food from a skillet by boiling dishwashing soap and water on the stovetop
- Coat plastic containers with nonstick spray so tomato-based contents don't dye the plastic red
- Accidentally over-salted a dish while cooking it? Drop a peeled potato to absorb the excess
- Get a better looking, glossier piecrust by brushing it with egg white before baking it
- Aluminum foil-wrapped celery keeps stalks fresh for weeks
- Is that egg fresh? To find out, put it in a pot of cool salt water; if it rises, throw it away
- Freeze leftover wine into ice cubes rather than throwing it out

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- 1774 Oxygen was discovered by a scientist named Joseph Priestly
- 1819 The first parachute jump in the U.S. took place
- 1858 The city of Boston authorized the installation of the country's first street mailboxes
- 1876 Wild Bill Hitchcock was shot and killed while playing poker. In his hand: a pair of aces and a pair of 8's
- 1906 The Chicago White Sox baseball team had a 19-game winning streak this season
- 1936 Adolph Hitler officially opened the games at the Berlin Olympics
- 1958 The U.S. Postal Service raised the price of a first class stamp from \$.03 to \$.04, making it the first rate hike in 26 years for the P.O.
- 1990 IBM announced that it was getting out of the typewriter manufacturing business
- 1994 The NASDAQ computer network crashed due to a power outage caused by a squirrel



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