



How to Dry Wet Carpet Yourself

Save Money with Easy DIY Steps (IICRC S500 Inspired)

Wet carpets can cause mould, bad smells, and costly damage. This simple DIY guide shows how to dry your carpet fast—only for clean water spills.



- DIY applies only to Category 1 (clean) water – tap or rainwater.
- Stop if water is grey (appliances) or black (sewage/flood).
- Stop if 48+ hours have passed.
- In these cases – Call certified professionals.

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Stop the Source

Turn off leak & power.
Confirm water is clean.

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Clear the Area

Move furniture, protect legs with foil/blocks, open windows.

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Remove Water

Best: Wet/dry vacuum.
Alt: Towels + pressure.

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Lift Carpet & Remove Underlay

Gloves on, Roll carpet, Discard soaked underlay.

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Dry Everything

Fans + dehumidifier, add warmth. Outdoors: sunlight; Indoors: fans both sides.

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Sanitise Surfaces

Spray mix
(1 vinegar : 3 warm water).
Wipe, don't soak.

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Check Dryness

If damp or musty smell,
Keep drying.

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Replace Underlay & Relay Carpet

Install new underlay,
stretch carpet back.

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Final Clean

Baking soda, 30 mins,
and Vacuum.

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When to Call Pros

Big areas, >48 hrs, dirty water, mould, or damage.

Cost-Saving Summary

Underlay: DIY removal cheap.

Water Extraction: Shop-vacuum instead of pro.

Drying: Fans + sunlight.

Reinstall: Simple tools save labour cost.

Act fast, dry thoroughly, and disinfect properly. For anything beyond small clean-water spills.

Call certified experts.



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