

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Protect Your Home

(NAPSA)—Homeowners in areas that experience severe weather should be prepared and know what to do when disaster strikes.

The nonprofit Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) warns homeowners that cleaning up



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water damage is not a do-it-yourself job. Some attempts could be hazardous and make the damage worse. IICRC recommends hiring a firm whose employees are certified in water-damage restoration. There are, however, steps that homeowners can take:

- Stop the source of water flow, if possible.
- Watch out for electrical hazards or contaminated water.
- Move furnishings from wet areas.
- Call 1-800-835-4524 or access [www.certifiedcleaners.org](http://www.certifiedcleaners.org) to find an IICRC-certified firm.