

Categorizing the level of water contamination can be challenging. Here are a few tips to ensure that you properly categorize water losses every time.

TIP SHEET

How to Properly Categorize WATER



1. Training and S500 Standard

Invest in proper IICRC training and be familiar with the S500 standard.



2. Conduct a thorough inspection

Investigate the structure to locate the source of the water. Look for any potential material damages or contaminants. May require invasive disassembly.



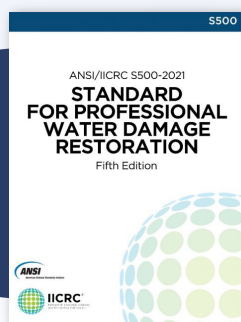
3. Document the water source

Thoroughly document the source of water contamination. Ensure the source of water has been contained or repaired.



4. Consult with an Indoor Environmental Professional (IEP)

Engage an IEP or other Specialized Expert if you require help categorizing the level of contamination.



ANSI/IICRC S500: Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Water Damage Restoration (Fifth Edition 2021), Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification.