

## The Challenge

Water damage. Whether from a burst pipe, flood, leaking roof, or other emergency, it's one of the most destructive things that can happen to a building. In addition to rot and potential structural problems, buildings that are not dried (or improperly dried) are often subject to tremendous mold destruction. However, many of the worst aspects of water damage can be greatly mitigated if the building is dried out quickly, say within 24 - 48 hours. Unfortunately, people often don't act quickly enough. According to the Insurance Information Institute, insurance companies paid a record \$3 billion mold claims in 2002, up from \$1.3 billion in 2001. Many of these claims started with something as simple as a burst water pipe—and evolved into a substantial mold claim.

## An Example of What Not To Do

This is a prime example of how you simply can't ignore water damage. After the owner of a condo passed away, the manager of the estate turned the heat off to save money. Pipes burst and flooded the condo beneath it. The water ran for several days until the owners of the lower condo returned from Christmas vacation. The insurance company was indecisive about the next steps and did not respond for several weeks. The result? All the flooring, cabinets, and drywall three feet up from the floor needed to be ripped out. Had we been called in immediately, we could have saved the interior with a \$5,000 - 7,500 drying job. Instead, the job required a \$20,000.00 interior demolition, mold abatement, and drying job—followed by a \$50,000.00 rebuild!

## The Yankee Solution

The "**Vortex Drying System**" is a process of quickly drying wet buildings. Yankee's well-trained employees and our state-of-the-art drying techniques eliminate the opportunity for mold to grow. Fast and effective drying will dramatically reduce or eliminate mold damage to the building content, including: drywall, carpeting, and wood flooring. The Vortex Drying System uses high-powered vacuum extraction equipment to pull water out of carpets and floors; dehumidifiers to dry the air; and multiple high volume fans to remove the moisture in the air. By continually monitoring the vapor pressure and relative humidity in and out of the structure, we can determine if drying is progressing and adjust equipment as needed.



## About Yankee

Yankee Fiber Control is one of New England's oldest and largest environmental/specialty contractors—we're also one of the most innovative. Our highly experienced team is committed to improvement, and so we're constantly learning and developing new solutions. Under one roof, we've gathered a team equipped with today's most sophisticated methods and technologies—so they can respond quickly and effectively to your contracting needs. We're a privately owned business with over twenty years expertise in servicing our customers, including residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional sites such as hospitals and universities. If you need help with any environmental/specialty contracting issues, large or small, call us.

**We can help.**

### Yankee's Core Services

**Specialty Abrasive Blasting, Asbestos & Lead Abatement, Industrial Cleaning and Industrial Coatings, Air Duct Cleaning, Commercial and Residential Drying and Mold Remediation.**  
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