

Dehumidifiers are the standard method to dry a house after a flood. They combat condensation, mould and rot.

- If using it to dry the whole house, it is best to put it in the middle of the house to maximise effectiveness.
- Large fans can increase air circulation and evaporation, and improve extraction rates.
- A dehumidifier is cheaper than an extractor fan because a fan throws heated air outside, wasting money on heating bills.
- Drying out can take weeks or months, depending on how serious the flooding has been and the type and thickness of the building materials.
- Central heating can be turned on when the system has been checked by a qualified engineer. For best results the temperature should be set at 20 to 22 degrees centigrade.
- You can speed up the drying process by opening as many windows and doors as possible and using a fan.
- Do not heat your home to more than 40°C until all standing water is removed. When you first start to dry out your home set the thermostat to 20 centigrade or above.
- If possible use fans to help air circulation and dehumidifiers to aid the process.
- Good ventilation is essential as moisture must escape for the building to dry properly.
- Carpets and underlay should be removed as they won't dry out. The dehumidifier is for the ceilings and walls.
- **REMEMBER do not to leave windows open when you are not in the house to keep your home secure**

Dehumidifiers can be hired from:

- Acorn Hire: www.acornhire.com
- Best at Hire: www.bestathire.co.uk
- Carrier Rental Systems <http://www.carrierrentalsystems.co.uk>
- Chillmech Limited: www.chillmech.co.uk

- Hire Station: www.hirestation.co.uk / 0845 604 5337
- HSS Hire: www.hss.com 08457 28 28 28
- Ideal Group www.idealgroupuk.co.uk
- Speedy Services: www.speedyservices.com

Dehumidifiers can be purchased from:

Homebase, Argos, Tesco.com, Currys, Sainsburys.co.uk, B&Q, Wickes